

Mental Health, Substance Use & HIV/AIDS/HCV Provincial Working Group

Date: May 5, 2011

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Jamie Marshall, Lynn Spence, Tom Ehmann, Mary Marlow, Miranda Compton, Sonja Sinclair, Melissa Medjuck, Gail Butt, Deb Schmitz, Denise McKay, Cheryl Dowden, Pamela Joshi, Susann Richter, Heidi Standeven, Jennifer Evin Jones

I. Agenda Topics

1. Review previous meeting minutes
 - a. It was agreed that minutes need to be approved before they are posted on PAN's website. Approval of meeting minutes was postponed to next meeting to give everyone a chance to review.
2. Terms of Reference
 - a. Needs to be something in the ToFR outlining accountability – who is the group ultimately accountable to? Where will resourcing (\$) come from? Concern articulated that without these things in place there may be no legitimacy and no structure, which will have implications on the Health Authorities (HA) moving forward (eg. IHA has a sub-group of the Communicable Disease **policy** – Blood-Borne Infections Working Group). Need to ensure that ?'s regarding resourcing, accountability and reporting are answered from the start in order to ensure that the work of the MHSU WG is sustainable.
 - i. The working group was originally convened to implement recommendations from the Trap Doors Revolving Doors document which was commissioned by the PHSA. Consequently, it has been responsible and reportable to the PHSA through the HIV/AIDS Manager. It has functioned as a collaborative, linking to Health Authorities, the Ministry of Health and other organizations through its members.
 - b. Susann clarified for the groups that currently funding for this group is being provided through PHSA (to support Heidi's role as Coordinator); we are also looking for other funding sources to support work. The other HAs are not expected to contribute financially.

Comment [S1]: Not sure if this is the right word...

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- c. Mission Statement: ? Concern was raised that implementing all of the recommendations of the 2009 Strategic Plan is too broad a scope for the working group.-
 - i. The Mission does not imply that the WG will implement all of the recommendations of the 2009 Strategic Plan, only what this working group chooses to focus on.
- d. Goals: removed ambiguous “build capacity” and moving towards addressing issues of Knowledge Transfer and Exchange (KTE); the goals are more concrete than previously
- e. Need to be consistent with language and include SU throughout (eg. Mental Health versus Mental Health and Substance Use (MHSU))
- f. Focus on the development of a sustainable resource; what are the mechanisms within the HA that can move this forward or is this the role of the WG? The WG can address this and the HA will not be obliged to give any funding.
- g. A mechanism of communication will need to be developed. In order to do this, the structure of HAs needs to be shared – where do MHSU and HIV/HCV intersect in HAs and where can KTE take place?
Action: HA representatives will work on having this structure and suggestions about what other entities that the MHSU WG should be connecting with to share for the face-to-face meeting in June
- h. WG needs to have representation from both MH and SU people in HAs; need support of Directors in order for HA people to pay attention
- i. Can we link with the Mental Health Planning Council?
Action :Pam will take this to Shannon
- j. Consensus on accepting Goals 3, 4, & 5 – Goal 2 may be too vague and is implied in Goal 1 so we could omit and just include it as an action in the action plan; change “lead” in Goal #1 to “champion”; re-word to say “MH & SU for people living with HIV/HCV”.
- k. The rest of the discussion on the TofR will be tabled to the face-to-face meeting planned for June 2nd.

3. Action Plan

- a. Tabled to meeting on June 2nd.

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NEXT MEETING: Face-to-face planned for June 2nd (will be held at BCCDC offices):
Heidi will send out a scheduler function to confirm participation from the majority of
MHSU WG members including those who couldn't make today's teleconference.