

Justice and Public Safety Council

Wednesday, May 4, 2016 – Boardroom 212, 1001 Douglas St., 2:00 to 4:00

Minutes

Chair: Lori Wanamaker
Attending: Lynda Cavanaugh, Richard Fyfe, Clayton Pecknold, Bobbi Sadler, Kurt Sandstrom, Mark Sieben
Ex-officio: Allan Castle
Guests: Taryn Walsh, Shelley Eisler
Regrets: Joyce DeWitt-Van Oosten, Brent Merchant

Agenda and prior minutes

The agenda was approved. The minutes from March 3 2016 were accepted.

Update on work on 5th Summit recommendations

Taryn Walsh provided members with an overview of activity to date on the Trauma-informed Practice (TiP) provincial curriculum project. A steering committee has been struck with representation from the CBA, RCMP, municipal police, Criminal Justice Branch, NGOs, Police Services, and Victim Services. Multi-year funding is being sought for a curriculum and training.

Lynda Cavanaugh gave an overview of working group activity regarding information sharing and coordination in concurrent domestic violence, family law, and child protection cases. Court Services, Justice Services and MCFD staff are now meeting to determine how recommendation 5 (“Promote a culture of legal information sharing where family, domestic violence and/or child protection proceedings intersect”) can be achieved.

Performance Measures Update document (Fall 2016 update)

Council members discussed potential areas of innovation in system indicators and performance metrics. Two areas where interest in the sector has increased are policing and access to justice. Council members expressed interest in more detail around current police performance initiatives. In the area of access to justice, the Council asked the steps be taken to establish an initial dialogue with Access To Justice BC (A2JBC) on the question of performance metrics.

ACTION: Clayton Pecknold and Allan Castle will attend a forthcoming BCACP workshop on police performance and provide a report to the Council.

ACTION: Allan will follow up with A2JBC coordinator regarding an appropriate point to begin dialogue on access measures.

6th BC Justice Summit

The Council was provided with an overview of planning for the forthcoming Summit. Approximately 80 attendees are expected, with good representation from the health sector.

Meeting adjourned; next meeting Tuesday, May 31, 2016, 2:00 to 4:00