

1. Correspondence:

Please note that correspondence received by and sent from the WRPCPC office on a daily basis far exceeds those mentioned in this list. This correspondence section features letters specifically directed at or provided by WRPCPC but does not include correspondence of common daily practice or emails unless specifically requested by the sender.

Received:

- An email letter from an individual concerned about the Canadian Governments initiative to close the six Canadian prison farms asking people to sign a petition. For more information please visit: www.saveourprisonfarms.ca and www.saveourfarms.ca
- Letter of congratulations from Peter Braid, M.P. regarding CPC's successful application to the Canada Summer Jobs Program 2010.
- Thank you letter from Ontario Minister of Education, the Honorable Leona Dombrowsky, in response to the letter sent by Chair John Shewchuk suggesting to expand WRPCPC's "Say Hi Day" to other schools across the Province.

Sent:

- Letters to all local MP's with copy to Regional Chair Seiling regarding the WRPCPC position about "Bill C-391" and the support of WRPCPC to keep the Long Gun Registry. The position paper was mailed to members of WRPCPC under separate cover on the day of release Wednesday June 09, 2010. It is again attached.

2. Staff and Committee Reports:

2.1. Facilitating Committee:

FC met for its regular meeting on May 26th, 2010. In addition to setting the agenda for the June meeting and starting to develop an approach for the meeting with MPs and MPPs in July, the committee also drafted criteria for the "Smart on Crime and Champions of Crime Prevention" awards. The task of FC is to provide administrative supports and deal with matters of some urgency on behalf of the WRPCPC between meetings of Council. Members of Council are always encouraged to connect with the Chair to put items on the agenda, attend a meeting for a special purpose and/or access approved minutes.

(Christiane Sadeler, Staff, also for Tom Brenner, Chair of FC)

2.2. Communications & Marketing / Community Relations Committee:

The Community Relations Committee met on May 20 and discussed ideas for the Future Plan document. The committee also reviewed Council's existing values statements and brainstormed ways to condense them into concise statements or key words for each.

Information has been sent out to the school boards to share with principals and trustees to “hold the date” (Sept. 24) for Say Hi Day. Schools have already started to sign up.

We will be launching a neighbourhood based Say Hi Day in two Cambridge neighbourhoods in partnership with WRPS and Region of Waterloo Housing in an effort to encourage neighbours to get to know each other. We will work with neighbourhood groups to plan and implement a Say Hi Day and related activities in those neighbourhoods later this summer.

Safe Cities #9 “Beyond Bars: Alternative Approaches” aired on May 27, 2010. Thanks to our panel John Shewchuk, Kimberley Clark (Victim Services); Mark Yantzi (Restorative Opportunities); Don Roth (CMHA) and Rohan Thompson (WRPCPC).

Our final Safe Cities episode “So What? Now What?” airs Wed. June 30 at 9:00pm. We will re-cap the series and our panel will provide comments on highlights from each show. We will present our first Champion of Crime Prevention Award at the end of this show. Staff is working with FC to develop criteria for this annual award as well as for a Smart on Crime award. Details to follow in coming months.

Staff continues to support the Street Gang Prevention Project brand development; promote the street gang survey; coordinate the Future Plan with designer; and prepare to roll out the RAP sheets (Tracy Jasmins, Staff, also for Aubrey Walters & Bill Davidson, Co-Chairs, Community Relations)

2.3. Substance Use and Addictions:

Emily collated results from the ITME 2010 survey. From the open-ended question, the top choices for ITME programming are: Housing and Harm Reduction, Prevention and Intervention Issues for Youth, and Treatment and Crisis Services. From the Rankings section, top choices include Best Practices In Harm Reduction, Overdose Prevention and Intervention, Multi-Generational issues in Addiction, Pharmacology of Psycho-active Substances, Drug Policy and more.

CPC was successful in procuring funding for a summer student to develop ITME 2010 and other related projects. Many thanks to Service Canada for their continued support!

Emily and Michael also designed an evaluation for a pilot Overdose Training session and reviewed the results. CPC members may recall two significant research reports on Drug-Related Overdoses produced by CPC in September 2008. The pilot training was developed by a local working group as an outgrowth of those reports and ITME events. The evaluation was extremely positive.

Two editions of Just Say Know, a popular compendium of research, media articles and resources were distributed to approximately 800 addresses.

The Ontario Network of Drug Strategy Coordinators continues to teleconference bi-monthly. This is an exciting and valuable Network that was established by CPC and now receives significant support from the Toronto Drug Strategy Secretariat.

The WRIDS continues to develop with key informant sessions and focus groups being planned for early fall. Public Health continues to support the CPC initiative with staff support at approximately 3 days per week. Funding for the key informant consultations was recently secured by CPC from an external funder.

A plethora of drug policy research and critiques related to the (U.S., Canada) “War on Drugs” have been featured in the Canadian media over the last 2 months. Dominating the material is the Obama administration’s drug policy plan that deviates in spirit from previous plans, the Canadian federal government’s Bill S-10 and the continuing carnage in Mexican-U.S. Drug War (26,000 people died in 3 years) and related implications for Canadian immigration.

Making a significant contribution to the evidence base is a recent Canadian Study entitled *Effect of Drug Law Enforcement on Drug-Related Violence: Evidence from a Scientific Review*. The authors conclude that, *The available scientific evidence suggests that increasing law enforcement interventions to disrupt drug markets is unlikely to reduce drug gang violence. Instead, the existing evidence suggests that gun violence and high homicide rates are likely a natural consequence of drug prohibition and that increasingly sophisticated methods of disrupting Canadian gangs involved in drug distribution could unintentionally increase violence.* The report is available for free at: <http://uhri.cfenet.ubc.ca/>

(Michael Parkinson, Staff, also for Brice Balmer, Chair of IDS Task Force)

2.4. Violence Prevention:

The violence prevention plan implementation committee met twice during the last month. The first meeting featured a presentation reviewing the findings from the gap analysis asset inventory research project exploring services for victims and offenders of interpersonal violence within Waterloo Region. The second meeting was held to narrow down the list of possible recommendations to a set of draft recommendations which will be shared with the community for further feedback. It is hoped that the results of this research project will be prepared to be presented to Council in July.

In addition, on June 8th, 2010 Marty Schreiter and Barry Zehr presented to the Community Services Committee of Waterloo Region. The presentation reviewed the work of the Violence Prevention Implementation Committee over the last four years (PDF attached).

(Anthony Piscitelli, Staff, also for Bill Wilson, Chair of VPPIC)

2.5. Research and Evaluation:

AGORE met on June 2nd. The committee gave recommendations on how to reach more people in the community to have them take the Gang survey. The goal is to have 1,000 people complete the 10 minute online survey by August (right now we have 300 completed surveys).

Follow-up to the forum held in February on the reintegration of federally-sentenced women with mental health issues is taking place. Interviews have and are taking place with: service providers representing various sectors, women who were inmates at GVI and now live in the community and women who are currently incarcerated at GVI are being conducted. A report will be written based on these interviews and brought to CPC for approval.

(Jessica Hutchison, Staff, also for Tom Brenner, Chair of AGORE)

2.6. Future Plan Development 2010 – 2014

Writing continues for development of the Smart on Crime Plan. Staff has been working on articulating the Milestones to be completed for year 1 (to March 2011) along with assigning indicators to areas where we can measure/evaluate completion and/or impact of the work. We a draft document to go forward to CPC for approval at the regular July meeting.

As the name indicates, the “Smart on Crime” theme figures prominently in our plan. In order to build our understanding of what “Smart on Crime” means to CPC and our community, staff has posted a short online form on the CPC website to gather statement from members of Council and, to some extent, the wider public. Respondents are asked, using 7 words or less, to complete the following statement: “Being Smart on Crime means...”

Statements will be used in various places through out the CPC plan documents. Please consider sharing your creative thoughts for this part of the plan.

(Juanita Metzger, on behalf of the Ad Hoc Future Plan Working Group)

2.7. Street Gang Prevention Project:

The developmental phase of the project continues to roll along quite well. The Community Treatment Team (aka Team Awesome) has added its final member to the team. Sharon Zister (John Howard Society) officially joined the team on May 3, 2010. Sharon will be one of three Case Managers on the project team mostly connected to the JHS office in Cambridge. Sharon brings a wealth of experience of working with at-risk youth and support to families.

The Street Gang Prevention Project includes a labor intensive evaluation component covering two areas: Monitoring/Process evaluation and the Impact evaluation. The Monitoring/Process evaluation plan, which was developed by our project evaluator (Astwood Corporation), has submitted the 2nd draft of the report to NCPG and the Project Advisory Team. NCPG and the PAC are both currently reviewing the draft evaluation plan in order to provide comments and feedback to the evaluator.

The project team has been busy looking for a project space that can accommodate that the entire CTT along with the project manager and program assistant. This initiative has been met with much difficulty and challenges. Finding a project site that meets our criteria for the population to be served and fits within our budget as well as find acceptance by landlords and neighbours was not a simple task. It does look like we may have found a site that meets all of our project needs and currently

we are in discussion with the landlord about details in regards to the space. If all goes according to plan, the project is looking to move into its first home on August 01, 2010.

Phase one of the project (Community Assessment) is well underway. One the identified groups that we wanted to get information from was students and school administrators. Both the WRDSB and the WRCSB have been great partners in helping us survey students and school personnel. The surveys were completed online by both students and staff. To date, we have over 600 student survey responses and 110 school staff administrator responses. Additionally, have over 20 youth gang affiliated key informants that have participated in key informant interviews. Lastly we have over 300 completed surveys from our on-line survey. The online survey is designed to get a feel of the public's experience and perceptions of the youth gang issue in Waterloo Region. A link to the survey can be found on the www.preventingcrime.ca website.

It would be greatly appreciated, if council members could forward the link to their distribution networks. We are trying to increase the number of community responses that we get from our survey. The data collection for the assessment will be complete by June 31, 2010.

The CTT have also been very busy starting the Community Outreach portion of the project. Much of the success of the project has to do with getting the right information to the right people. The CTT will be busy over the next couple of months scheduling meetings in order to inform folks about the details of each of the phases of the project, developing partnerships and determining the best ways to get referrals. The CTT has started to meet with schools, social service/youth serving agencies and collaborative multi-partner working groups.

The project has also been working on developing a brand and project identity. The project conducted an interview process of several graphic design agencies that could help to not only develop a project logo but also any print collateral (posters, brochures, business cards, etc....) and project website. The project team is excited to be working with Orchard Studios on this. The planned roll out for the project brand will be in September. For more information on Orchard Studios you can take a look at their website, <http://www.theorchardstudios.com/>.

(Rohan Thompson, staff also on behalf of PAC)

3. Additional Information:

3.1. Staff and office updates:

Students Lisa Armstrong and Emily Schacht have successfully completed their placements with the WRCP. The presence of students and their volunteer supports add tremendous capacity to this small office. Students are a crucial resource and also provide an opportunity for us to partake in the education of future professionals many of whom will be working in our community.

We appreciate all the contributions that both Lisa and Emily have made to the work of the WRCP and wish them all the very best in their future endeavors. Lisa will remain with us for the duration of her thesis for which she has chosen the topic of how to

engage hard to reach youth. We look forward to hearing the outcome of her research about YAC (the youth advisory committee of the street gang prevention project).

Fanis remains on placement with us until the fall. Interviews for the summer student position attached to ITME and IDs have started with announcements of the successful candidate pending.

- 3.2 The season of AGMs is upon us. We appreciate all invitation but because of limited resources have to be somewhat selective in our attendance. As members of council attend AGMs they are encouraged to also identify themselves as members of WRCP especially in meetings where the Council Chair or staff are not able to take on that representative role.
- 3.3 The Ad Hoc Governance Group of WRCP continues to meet and is taking on the "organizational design" actions that need attention before approval of the future plan. An update of their efforts will be provided (as agreed at the April retreat) at Council and the notes from Peter Ringrose's update at the May meeting (as chair) are attached.
- 3.4 The Conestoga College Curriculum Programme Advisory Committee had its first meeting in June. The Committee has been charged with the task of supporting the first year implementation of the new degree in Community and Criminal Justice. Of particular interest with regards to the larger community is the development of co-op placements and project options for students. This will need the broader support from many agencies represented at the WRCP table and beyond. Members of Council will recall that this program received strong support from the full Council and to see it having progressed to this stage is both exciting and a little daunting given the work that lies ahead. David Dick has agreed to chair the PAC with Steve Beckett as vice-chair. Marion Evans has been engaged by Conestoga College to attend to the implementation needs of the degree program on a FT basis. Christiane has been asked and agreed to be a member of the PAC.
- 3.5 National Municipal Network efforts remain focused on securing funding from NCP. Meanwhile WRCP staff continue to share the majority of the work (coordination, communication, dialogue with NCP) with Montreal in the administration lead. Municipalities across the country remain interested in joining the network and a draft organizational chart and plan B have been developed to sustain this unified national voice with or without funding.

4. Community and Members' Information:

The following were sent to the office since the last meeting of WRCP:

- 4.1. KDCHC Spring 2010 newsletter.
- 4.2. An invitation to the KW Counselling Speakers Series. For tickets or sponsorship contact speakerseries@kwcounselling.com or phone at 519-884-0000 ext. 360.
- 4.3. An invitation to the John Howard Society of Waterloo Wellington 60th Annual General Meeting and Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Monday, June 28th, 2010 at 5:00pm. RSVP by June 14th by contacting Lani Courchesne, 519-743-6071 ext.223 or by email at lanicourchesne@waterloo.johnhoward.on.ca

4.4. Invitation to the Family and Children's Services Annual Meeting on June 24, 2010 at 6:00pm. RSVP by Friday, June 18, 2010 to Lovina Duguid at 519-576-1329 ext. 3502

5. Attachments:

- 5.1. Draft CPC Minutes May 14th, 2010. (Please Review)
- 5.2. Letter to the MPPs and Position Paper on Bill C 391.
- 5.3. V PP Implementation Committee Memorandum to the CSC on June 8, 2010
- 5.4. Notes from Peter Ringrose regarding the CPC Governance.
- 5.5. Fourth Annual Progress Report Breakfast June 24, 2010. (John Milloy, M.P.P.)– PDF.
- 5.6. Women's Crisis Services of Waterloo Region's AGM June 22, 2010– PDF.
- 5.7. Festival of Neighbourhoods' E-Neighbourhood newsletter June 2010 – PDF flyer.
- 5.8. Community Justice Initiatives "Moving Towards Healing Through Art" for female survivors of sexual trauma June 21st, July 19th, and August 16th from 7-9pm. – PDF.
- 5.9. Opportunities Waterloo Region Spring Update – PDF.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the CPC Chair and Staff.

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