

STREET CRIME FORUM - JUNE 23, 2004

SESSION 1 - DISCUSSION GROUP F

1. COLLABORATION BETWEEN SOCIAL SERVICES AND COURT

2. EDUCATION OF JUDICIARY OF MENTAL ISSUES

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- Religious/religious organizations may play a part
- Social services (broad definition) health (fiscal/mental), housing, day programs, family support
- Courts/Judiciary: lawyer, defence/Crown, Judges, Probation, Police, Sheriffs

Now with existing resources:

- Connecting everybody around the table
 - a. those already involved with consent of individual
 - b. at the time of incident
- When in system look at resources available (S.S.) immediately and/or when released
- Different/stronger response for repeat offender (i.e. more info and co-ordination between social service agencies)
- Psychological assessment, pre-release plan
- Educate children/family and use volunteer
- Look at all options especially for youth. What is the solution?
- Each person be appointed a services coordinator/case manager. could be a volunteer (U.K. has "appropriate adult")
- Dedicated Crown dealing with mental health.
- Dedicated Crown for drug addictions
- More resources, i.e. housing, hospital beds, longer care, staffing emergency housing year round. Not just people with mental health issues.
- Better access and hospital care
- Discharge planning, i.e. jail and hospital (housing, \$, treatment)
- More supported housing and adequate and affordable
- Housing (affordable, assisted low barrier) most important all levels of government
- Not enough dual diagnosis programs
- Programs while in jail, early assessment while in jail with release program
- Oregon have mentor positions/daily support workers
- Look at tapping senior retirees/volunteers

- Hawaii – grandmother program
- Low barrier housing/diversified housing
- Continuous \$\$ between MCFD and Ministry of Health
- Integration with community
- Education of community
- Act – assertive program. Community treatment (Van Coastal Health)
- Commitment to \$ programs
- Target the worst offenders with resource, 3% doing 90% of crime. Provide them with a tailored program
- Education of system participants. Establish a Committee on educate on Mental Health issues
- Specific training for developmental disabilities. www.justiceforall.ca
- Prevention before intervention
- Volunteer grandparent
- Option Youth Soc.