

STREET CRIME FORUM - JUNE 23, 2004

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION NOTES

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- Meaningless of probation orders for drug counselling and treatment
- There should be more collaboration between social services and the courts
- Break provincial vs federal deadlock on drug courts
- People charged with street crimes should be immediately assessed to determine whether they may suffer from mental illness
- Pilot a concurrent (multiple) disorder demonstration project – using an integrated service team approach including Crown and Police on Steering Committee
- Decriminalization of addiction and prostitution
- Recidivism in the correctional system: mandatory effective and practical support systems beyond parole, probation and by introducing peer support community groups consisting of community leaders, a community advocate and offenders who have successfully become contributing members of the community.
- Petty criminals who come and go through the courts and how we can address the social issues that bring them
- Increase knowledge and awareness of mentally ill persons and their challenges within the CJS, i.e. police, Crown, Defence, Corrections, Judiciary.
- Erosion of community through petty crime and anti-social behaviour
- Mental health courts work
- Opportunities for specialized services available prior to trial
- To solve our situation in 9 months more to come:
 - Addiction
 - Unwanted pregnancy
 - All kinds of illnesses
 - Dying
- We should improve networks between communities
- The 13-year old crack addict picked up yesterday should have been assessed by the Ministry or a hospital instead of being left with police
- Foreign national drug traffickers need a plane ticket
- Continuum of care can apply to criminal behaviour
- Police can be useful when supporting systems support
- Jail does work – 50% reduction in TFA
- Social services should work together nor compete for funding
- Risk assessment for citizens as a whole and our employees in particular
- Direct link between street persons, drug trade and panhandlers
- Opportunities for early intervention for “revolving door” clientele
- Opportunities for assessing whether existing courts are as effective as specialized ones
- Day courts for quicker service delivery of criminal justice issues
- Crime addiction: acknowledged, recognized and treated as major root compound of the crime/drug relationship
- We need more housing