



KFACC Membership Meeting

Thursday January 11, 2024, 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Hybrid Meeting at the Maltby Centre and Via ZOOM

MINUTES

Attendees:

Deirdre Reddick (KAVAC), Leigh Martins (KIH), Jane Lewis (KHSC), Lia De Pauw (KFLAPH), Jennifer Knott (KPF), Jason Cahill (KPF), Sheryl Rathwell (Maltby), Andrea Grieves (CATT), Dominique Morgan (KIH), Sara Legace (City of Kingston), Courtney Briggs-Jude (KCHC), Sandra Martin (Ontario Works)

Regrets:

Paula Laughlin (Victim Services), Lillian Murdock (KPF), Kim Graham (SLC), Barb Lotan (Queen's), Jayme Blondin (SACK), Alicia Lambert (Supervised Access), A (SACK), Deb Gervais-Hermer (Land O'Lakes), Jean Quinn (KAVAC), Mandi Micks, (Corrections), Brigid Goulem (Trellis), Michelle Cunningham (Maltby), Julie Langan (JHS), Yu Jier Kou (KCHC KIP), Lisa Damczyk-Keuhl (E-Fry), Katie Sills (SLC), Tiffany Myers (Victim Services), Hillary MacDonald (KHSC), Shuying Chen (Trellis), Caitlin Norwich-Stevenson (Resolve),

1. Welcome and Introductions:

2. Acknowledgement

"To begin, let us acknowledge that Kingston is situated on traditional Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee territory. We are grateful to be able to be live, learn and play on these lands."

To acknowledge this traditional territory is to recognize its longer history, one predating the establishment of the earliest European colonies. It is also to acknowledge this territory's significance for the Indigenous peoples who lived, and continue to live, upon it – people whose practices and spiritualities were tied to the land and continue to develop in relationship to the territory and its other inhabitants today.

3. Approval of Agenda

- Approved with no changes

4. Approval of Minutes from November 2, 2023

- Approved with no changes

5. Call for Conflicts of Interest / Respectful Communication

- No conflicts announced

6. Budget Update

- Consolidated to the ledger as of 12/31/2023
- \$5187.83 left in the budget YTD unless we get an MCCSS top up in January
- KCCU Account balance \$15,563.50 as of 01/09/2024
- YTD estimate is an approximate overage of \$620.00

7. Action Items

7. A. IPV Epidemic Declaration/Kingston Community Safety & Well Being Plan Next Steps

Background

At the October 17, 2023 City of Kingston Council meeting, KFACC delivered a presentation to the Mayor and Council on having the City of Kingston join 57 other municipalities across Ontario who have declared Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) an Epidemic. The KFACC presentation to Council was delivered by Deirdre Reddick on behalf of KFACC in her role as the Chair of KFACC and Chair of the Kingston Anti-Violence Advisory Council (KAVAC), along with Leigh Martins representing both KFACC and Kingston Interval House.

The motion was brought forward by Deputy Mayor Wendy Stephan, and was seconded by Mayor Brian Patterson. A unanimous vote from Council carrying the motion; here are the resolutions carried by City Council:

- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Kingston declare intimate partner violence an epidemic; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the recommendations from the Renfrew County Coroner's Inquest be referred to staff for consideration and, where appropriate, integrated within the City of Kingston's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario and the Ontario Minister of Health in support of the motion declaring intimate partner violence an epidemic and in support of the creation of provincial legislation to address family violence.

Building a Bigger Wave and the Provincial VAWCC's are looking at next steps and have *identified that having the Declaration included in the CSWB Plan, once it has been declared, is the next step for most VAWCC's.*

The City of Kingston's Community Safety & Well Being Plan (CSWBP) that was established in 2021 is being updated; KFACC's next step is to work towards having the IPV Epidemic Declaration included as a pillar in the CSWB Plan.

Next Steps

- Leigh - has reached out to the City and heard back today that they are presently getting organized to begin the review in April 2024.

We will try to arrange a meeting to discuss how KFACC can get involved with the review and update, hopefully setting a path to adding the IPV Declaration.

Also, the City has declared, but what about the County of Frontenac? We need to reach out to them.

- The BBW/VAWCC's are meeting on January 17, 2024 to discuss next steps and Leigh, Deidre and Anna will be attending

- Jane – The Provincial SA/DV's have also been having similar discussions. We should gather information from all of these tables, i.e. hospital, police, VAWCC's etc., and build our own version for KFL&A
- Jennifer – KPF received a Victim Support Grant and have been providing training to frontline officers. We are now gathering resources on agencies - who is who and what services they provide.
- Jason – KPF is looking at developing a common consent form, based off of one that Guelph/Waterloo developed, where the Victim/Survivor can choose which agencies their information can be shared with a digital signature.

We are also looking at developing a QR code, perhaps on a keychain for the officers or on a business card to hand out to Victims/Survivors, which can be scanned to bring up the consent form. It would take you to an innocuous site, such as the food bank, unless a passcode such as "help" or something similar was entered.

- Leigh – The HT Group has a QR code, but it is not hidden
- Jason – We can also add techno abilities such as wiping your internet history
- Leigh – We should have the EAC Workgroup focus on getting the educational piece out into the community so people realize what is going on with the IPV Declaration
- Jane – We need to keep tech limitations in mind as not everyone, especially in rural communities, has access to tech and the internet, or may have a limited ability to use it.

Also, in regards to the common consent form, the hospital has a different level of confidentiality than most of the other agencies, which is why we offer services at the hospital to people at the time of services not later as we cannot share that information.

- Sheryl – It is similar at Maltby. If the information falls under "medical" there are severe limits.

We used to have "Team Cards" to hand out to community members with other agency contact information for those without access to tech. The Purple Posse does something similar.

- Sara – The City has looked at shared consent forms, even for just between city departments, and it comes down to legal ramifications with the privacy issues i.e. securing data to/from all agencies by ensuring the security levels protecting the information are sufficiently high and not subject to breaches.
- Jane - Sometimes non tech ways of sharing information to the community are easier, for example resources on the backs of bathroom stall doors at hospitals, universities, public areas... 211 is also a great resource.

The hospitals have set up a 1-800# navigation line for SA/DV. We could look at setting up a regional navigational helpline for this. There are already national and provincial one, but nothing specific and in-depth to KFL&A

- **Anna to send out:**
 - Link to the City of Kingston CSWB Plan page
 - Copy of the IPV Declaration
 - Copy of the Renfrew Recommendations

7. B. Survivors Handbook Update

- The CFKA ED has approved a change of use for the grant funds (\$4693.35) received and has given the go ahead for them to be used to develop a Survivors Handbook similar to the one in Peterborough (<https://survivortoolkit.ca/>)

- Anna has begun the outline, formatting and writing of the document and the EAC Workgroup will be helping with the project starting in January 2024.
- Remco (IT) has given a rough cost estimate for the development of a sister webpage to the Survivor Handbook document similar to Peterborough's at \$2000.00 + taxes if the Membership decides to go that route
- Anna to send out the link to <https://survivortoolkit.ca/>

8. New Business

8. A. None

9. Community Updates

- **Resolve Counselling**
Have a waitlist; please contact prior to sending over clients
- **KIH**
Have hired and are onboarding a new ED
- **Maltby**
Are reviewing referral procedures.
- **Centre for Therapy**
Are providing services to children

10. Next Meeting:

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March 7, 2024 @ 9:00 AM – 9:45 AM

KFACC Brunch N Learn

March 7, 2024 @ 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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