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Coalition on Community Safety, Health and Well-being
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National Invitational Symposium on Youth Illicit Substance Abuse and the Justice System

***Delta Hotel and Suites
Ottawa, Ontario – 25-26 February 2009***

Program

DAY 1:

7:45 **Continental Breakfast and Registration** (Delta Foyer)

8:30 **Welcome from Chief Gary Crowell, Halton Regional Police Service** (Delta B)

Opening Remarks:

Sandra Wright, Manager, Coalition on Community Safety, Health and Well-being

Dorothy Ahlgren, Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, and Louise Hanvey, Canadian Nurses Association

Reference Document: Issues Paper & Guiding Questions: National Invitational Symposium on Youth, Illicit Substance Abuse and the Justice System prepared by Colleen Anne Dell, PhD, University of Saskatchewan

Introduction of Facilitators and Participants

Keynote Address: Heather Hilts and Jessica Weihrich

[introduced by Peter Dudding, Child Welfare League of Canada]

10:00 **Break**

Group Discussion I

[facilitated by Louise Hanvey, Canadian Nurses Association]

What challenges do youth with illicit substance abuse problems face in dealing with the health, justice and other systems in Canada? How are those systems challenged in responding to these youth?

Plenary debrief of group discussion

12:00 **Lunch** (Delta Foyer)

13:00 **Community-based Youth Substance Abuse Programs** (Delta B)

[introduced by Dave Farthing, YOUCAN]

Dr. Dick Meen, Kinark Family and Child Services, Oakville, Ontario

Chief Marie-Anne Day Walker-Pelletier, Okanese First Nation, Balcarres, Saskatchewan

Group Discussion II

[facilitated by Rod Olfert, Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse]

How can communities support youth with substance abuse problems to prevent them from engaging in criminal activity?

15:15 Break

Plenary debrief of group discussions

17:00 Adjournment

18:30 Dinner with Madam Justice Dianne Nicholas, Ottawa Youth Mental Health Court (Delta B)

[introduced by Louise Hanvey, Canadian Nurses Association]

DAY 2:

7:30 Full Breakfast (Delta Foyer)

8:30 Recap of Previous Day's Proceedings (Delta B)

[Dorothy Ahlgren, Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police]

A Police Perspective: D/Chief Mike Mann, Waterloo Regional Police Service

[introduced by Rod Olfert, Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse]

Group Discussion III

[facilitated by Gord Phaneuf, Child Welfare League of Canada]

What should be done in the future, and by whom, to prevent youth with illicit substance abuse problems from becoming involved in the justice system and to ensure that youth crime and victimization are regarded as a health and justice issue? What are the most effective ways of responding to these youth once they are in the justice system?

10:15 Break

Plenary debrief of group discussions

Summation, Findings and Next Steps

[Dorothy Ahlgren, Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, and Louise Hanvey, Canadian Nurses Association]

12:00 End of Symposium

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