



**Downtown Toronto Human Services and Justice
Coordinating Committee (DT-HSJCC)
Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2017
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Old City Hall, Room 14**

Present: Katie Almond (Co-chair) Riverdale Probation and Parole; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Debbie Lynch, CTYS; Esther Daniel, Judiciary; Chris Persaud, Habitat Services; Dana Fisher, Duty Counsel; Holly Thomson, YMCA (Youth Substance Abuse Program); Jennifer Altosaar Toronto Network of Specialized Care; Charlene Crews, Catch ED/Homeless, St. Michael's Hospital; Geoff Gans, CTYS, New Outlook; Patricia Pagnani, Toronto Bail Program; Ellie Kik, LOFT; Amber Kellen, John Howard Society of Toronto; Czarina Garcia, Toronto Bail Program; Nikki Nosworthy, CAMH; Sarah Eastbrook, Yonge St Probation and Parole; Mariya Zashveva, Riverdale Probation and Parole; Annie Burns, WoodGreen; Lindsay Jennings, PASAN; Natasha Bartlett, Fred Victor

Regrets: Susan Davis (Co-chair), Gerstein Centre; Erin Hann, Youthdale Treatment Centres; Rebekah Churchyard, Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Service; Gwen Yorston, St. Joseph's Health Centre; Jessyca Greenwood, Defense Counsel; Elaine Amsterdam, Gerstein Centre; Priscilla OfosuBarko, CTYS; Flora Matheson, St. Michael's Hospital; Gord Reid, Toronto Police Service; Jeanine Daniel, VWAP; Cathy Finley, Crown Attorney's Office; Evelyn Mitchell, Salvation Army, Maxwell Meighen

Welcome and Introductions

- Everyone introduced themselves

Review of November 3, 2016 Minutes

- The minutes of November 3, 2016 were approved.

Action Items Follow-up

- Items were reviewed.

Presentation – Lara McLachlan on the Pilot INKH: Inmate Community Health Project

- The PowerPoint slides will be distributed with the meeting minutes.
- INKH is a 12-month pilot project designed by four core agencies: John Howard Society of Toronto, Mississauga Halton CCAC, LAMP CHC and

Toronto South Detention Centre (TSDC). Led by the South Etobicoke Health Link.

- Approaches incarceration as an opportunity to improve health outcomes for the most medically and socially complex individuals at the TSDC, specifically when they are released in the community.
- Ensures that: Support is available in detention to develop a care plan and coordinate care
- Attachment to primary care in the community to support when inmate is released
- A circle of care on helping the patient meet self-defined goals
- Aims to involve approximately 80 inmates over the course of the project
- Overview: The INKH team works with the inmates to create a plan, engages external providers and works with inmates to ensure they receives support in the community
- Rationale: MOHLTC Health Link's initiative is focused on improving quality and efficiency of healthcare for the highest users of the healthcare system
- Challenge – unexpected release at TSDC
- Identifying clients at TSDC – those living in the Medical Housing, Special Needs and Mental Health of TSDC with a combination of: 4 + chronic or high cost condition, chronic medication, MH and addiction challenges
- PLUS social complexity or barriers to the social determinants of health
- And unable to navigate and coordinate their health care in the community
- INKH Process: Referral, Care Plan, Circle of Care, Ongoing Planning, Community Supports
- Frontline nurse identifies the inmates at TSDC and John Howard Society of Toronto peer workers work in tandem.
- Evaluation part of the project
- Project outline will be circulated with the minutes.
- Individuals and/or organizations who are interested in partnering or learning more about the project can contact Lara or Amber Kellen from the JHS of Toronto.

Themes discussed: Looking at using telemedicine. Health Links has not looked at justice first model. However, they are moving towards a patient first model instead of inmate first model.

- Lara McLachian contact information:
Project Lead, South Etobicoke Health Link (SEHL)
LAMP Community Health Centre
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- Lara McLachian was thanked for her informative and interactive presentation.

Lunch and Learns

- The next Lunch N' Learn is scheduled for January 25th. A save the date email was sent out. The topic will be System and Community Perspectives on Opioid Overdose. It will be a panel format with Dr. Samim Hasham, Robb

Johannes and Anu Sharma, Health Promotion Specialists. RSVP flyer will be sent out.

Review 2016-2017 Workplan

Discussion ensued about our accomplishments and challenges. It was acknowledged that committee is meeting outcomes, had three Lunch and Learn, increase in membership, and held regular meetings. However, it has been challenging getting regular police participation at this table. It was agreed that Katie Almond will follow-up with the Police Community Response Officer.

There was support to continue providing the TTC tokens and Food Vouchers to the courthouses; Old City Hall and College Park.

The workplan for 2017-2018 will reflect the discussion and will be approved at the next meeting.

Agency/Organization Updates

- Patricia Pagnani informed the committee that the Mental Health Coordinator at Old City Hall is leaving and will be replaced by Czarina Garcia, Mental Health Community Outreach Coordinator. Bail Program has hired staff to work with complex clients; to ensure that they will follow up with appointments. Supervision will be enhanced. Will meet clients where they are and accompany them to court. MHC Crystal Sinclair is on a leave.
- Jennifer Altosaar informed the committee that the Toronto Network of Specialized Care and Development Services Toronto is planning training in February for three consecutive Thursdays. Will send information to Domenica Dileo for circulation.
- Lindsay Jennings the PASAN will be at Moss Park on February 3rd from 1-3:00 p.m. distributing harm reduction kits. Will send flyer to Domenica Dileo for circulation.
- Nikki Nosworthy reported that the Service Resolution Project will be hiring a Justice Coordinator to provide expertise for one day a week. Job posting and host agency criteria will be circulated.
- Katie Almond and Sarah Easterbrook provided an update on Corrections. They are working at the cooperate level developing the staff and client Mental Health Strategy.

Video Bail – No updates

Service Resolution/Coordination Issues

None

Updates from T-HSJCC and Provincial HSJCC

The next T-HSJCC meeting will take place on March 24th. The P-HSJCC meeting will take place on January 17th.

Presenter for next meeting:

Please inform Domenica Dileo if you have suggestions for a presenter at the next meeting.

Actions

- Domenica Dileo will circulate the upcoming Lunch N' Learn flyer
- Domenica Dileo will circulate PowerPoint presentation slides and project outline with minutes
- Domenica Dileo will flag video bail as an ongoing update under meeting action items.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 2, 2017 at Old City Hall, 60 Queen St. West, Room 14 from 8:30 a.m. -10:00 a.m.