



**Downtown Toronto Human Services and Justice  
Coordinating Committee (DT-HSJCC)  
Meeting Minutes  
January 4, 2018  
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
Old City Hall, Room 14**

**Present:** Susan Davis (Co-chair), Gerstein Centre; Katie Almond (Co-chair) Riverdale Probation and Parole; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Esther Daniel, Judiciary; Flora Matheson, Centre for Urban Health Solutions; Amber Kellen, John Howard Society of Toronto; Judy Virgo, Fred Victor; Antonella Scali, Schizophrenia Society of Ontario; Laura Klaehn, Probation and Parole; Cathy Finley, Crown Attorney's Office; Gord Reid, Toronto Police Service; Lindsay Jennings, PASAN; Rhona Zitney, Fred Victor/JC; Nicole Nosworthy, CAMH; Everton Gordon, Margaret's Housing and Community Support Services; Sean Hollingsworth, CHIRS; Charlene Crews, St. Michaels's Hospital

**Regrets** Robin Cuff, CAMH; Chris Persaud, Habitat Services; Evelyn Mitchell, Salvation Army, Maxwell Meighen; Jennifer Altosaar, Toronto Network of Specialized Care; Debbie Lynch, CTYS; Carlos Aedo, Houselink; Ali Gholipour, The Access Point

**Welcome and Introductions**

- Everyone introduced themselves

**Review of November 2, 2017 Minutes**

The minutes of November 2, 2017 were approved.

The agenda was amended to start with the PSSP update

Stephanie Gloyn reported on the SR Project. She provided the background to the Service Resolution Project. There are many Service Resolution Tables in the city. What are the gaps? Rhona is gathering data and working with service providers to address needs for people involved with the justice system. Do we need more tables? SR Project information is brought to the T-HSJCC table. Rhona Zitney was hired one day per week. Providing educational opportunities. And keeping a journal as data entry. Rhona does not have geographical area. Will complete a report at the end of March and make recommendations of what needs to be done. There will be an evaluation component in the report, conduct key informative interviews and focus groups.

It was suggested to do a DT-HSJCC focus group, not individual interviews, and to define complex needs

### **Presentation – Lindsay Jennings from PASAN**

- PowerPoint slides will be circulated with meeting minutes
- PASAN (an acronym for Prisoners with HIV/AIDS Support Action Network) is a community-based organization in Ontario that provides support, education and advocacy services related to HIV/HCV and harm reduction within the prisoner and ex-prisoner population and within prison environments.
- The only organization in Canada that works with prisoners and ex-prisoners with HIV/HCV.
- Carry out capacity building training and workshops for agencies and prisoners. No transition of continuity of care from Jail and/or hospitals. While waiting for sentencing provides opportunity to work with clients.
- Clients are released with no plan.
- Provincial prisoners are not eligible for HCV treatment.
- Stigma, overcrowding, limited access to health care, and stress of incarceration contribute to the vulnerable health of prisoners and ex-prisoners.
- PASAN contact information- 416-920-9567 or 1-866-224-9978
- Lindsay Jennings was thanked for her informative and interactive presentation.
- Themes discussed – Red Envelop Program to address clients belonging to ensure they have them when they are released.
- Concern that Peer Support workers are working with clients in jail and experiencing compassionate fatigue. Katie Almond spoke about a trauma tool kit from Manitoba that might be helpful. Will send link to Domenica Dileo for circulation.

### **2018-2019 Workplan:**

Reviewed the 2017-2018 workplan, which was circulated prior to the meeting. What have we accomplished? What is outstanding? What have we learned? What do we want to change as we move forward? It was acknowledged that we achieved our objectives. Lunch and Learns are successful. Continue to welcome new members. No new changes were identified. There was support to continue with the regular five meetings and three lunch and Learns. Continue with the TTC and food voucher support for OCH and College Park.

No changes to the budget were suggested. Domenica Dileo will circulate the 2018-2019 workplan to include the feedback and circulate to members for final input and will be approved at the next meeting in March.

## **Lunch and Learns**

Had a very successful Lunch and Learn at College Park on November 30<sup>th</sup> titled "Access to Justice: Video Bail and the Needs of in Custody Mental Health Clients" 39 people attended from cross sectoral at College Park.

There is a sub-committee working on an evening panel session on February 21<sup>st</sup> at City Hall titled "The Cannabis Act: Youth, Mental Health and Public Safety?" We are applying for accreditation from the Law Society of Ontario. Registration circulation will follow.

## **Agency/Organization Updates**

- Add video Bail to the next meeting

## **Service Resolution/Coordination Issues**

Deferred to next meeting

## **Updates from T-HSJCC and Provincial HSJCC**

The next T-HSJCC meeting will take place on February 12, 2018

## **Actions**

- Domenica will circulate slides from the PASAN Presentation.
- Katie Almond will send the link of the Bail report in PDF format and trauma informed toolkit

**Presenter for next meeting:** FEIS to provide an update

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, March 1, 2018 at Old City Hall, 60 Queen St. West, Room 14 from 8:30 a.m. -10:00 a.m.