



**Downtown Toronto Human Services and Justice
Coordinating Committee (DT-HSJCC)
Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2017
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; Debbie Lynch, CTYS; Esther Daniel, Judiciary; Flora Matheson, Centre for Urban Health Solutions, Gord Reid, Toronto Police Service; Dana Fisher, Duty Counsel; Holly Thomson, YMCA (Youth Substance Abuse Program); Charlene Crews, Catch ED/Homeless, St. Michael's Hospital; Geoff Gans, CTYS, New Outlook; Ellie Kik, LOFT; Amber Kellen, John Howard Society of Toronto; Nikki Nosworthy, CAMH; Sarah Eastbrook, Yonge St Probation and Parole; Natasha Bartlett, Fred Victor; Elaine Amsterdam, Gerstein Centre; Natasha Brofman, CMHA; Erin Hann, Youthdale Treatment Centres; Ali Gholipour, The Access Point; Tara Hohmenn, Centre for Urban Health Solutions; Debbie Lucas, Toronto Bail Program; Miriam Charendoff, Toronto Bail Program; Johnny Williams, Toronto Bail Program; Justin Resurreccion, Danforth Probation and Parole; Everton Warden (on behalf of Talena Jackson), Margaret's Housing and Community Support Services; Evelyn Mitchell, Salvation Army, Maxwell Meighen

Regrets: Rebekah Churchyard, Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Service; Priscilla OfosuBarko, CTYS; Cathy Finley, Crown Attorney's Office; Lindsay Jennings, PASAN; Jennifer Altosaar Toronto Network of Specialized Care; Mariya Zasheva, Riverdale Probation and Parole; Robin Cuff, CAMH; Chris Persaud, Habitat Services

Welcome and Introductions

- Everyone introduced themselves

Review of January 5, 2017 Minutes

- The minutes of January 5, 2017 were approved.

Action Items Follow-up

- Items were reviewed.

Presentation – Rochelle McAlister, WoodGreen Community Services: Introduction to Programs and Services in the Community Care Unit

- PowerPoint slides will be circulated with the minutes

- Toronto Seniors Helpline brochure was distributed
- Community Care Unit – Helps seniors/adults remain in their own homes, facilitates access to community programs, reduces visits to hospital emergency rooms
- Discussed various services; Mental Health, Addictions and Developmental Services and Senior Services. They include: Counselling and Support Services, Walk-in Counselling Services, First Step to Home and Seniors Crisis Initiative – Helpline, Crisis Outreach Services for Seniors (COSS) and Follow-up Case Management
- Contact information: For Services in the Community Care Unit (CCU) at WoodGreen - CCU Intake: 416-572-3575 or cccentralintake@woodgreen.org
- For Seniors Crisis Services - Toronto Seniors Helpline at 416-217-2077

Themes discussed: First Step to Home has a long waitlist, can provide counseling and support services up to two years. Senior Crisis Services partnership with LOFT, Reconnect, Haven Toronto and South Riverdale CHC. Program covers all of Toronto starting with M postal code. Toronto Seniors Helpline is the former Seniors Crisis Line and former CNAP Hub. Toronto Seniors Helpline accepts collect calls. No formal partnership with legal clinics. Family members, neighbours can call the line. Do not need consent to call the crisis line or make the initial crisis visit, but will need consent to continue with the service.

Rochelle McAlister was thanked for her informative and interactive presentation.

Lunch and Learns

- Susan Davis reported on the January 25 Lunch N' Learn. The topic was System and Community Perspectives on Opioid Overdose with Dr. Samim Hasham, Robb Johannes and Anu Sharma, Health Promotion Specialists. It was well received. It provided a great introduction to harm reduction.
- We close the registration due to high demand and limited space. It was suggested that we look at other venue at City Hall if we have high demand for registration.
- Discussion ensued whether the detention centre is distributing the Naloxone kit as there was a pilot? Katie Almond will look into the pilot project outcome.
- Katie Almond informed the committee that Connex has the database of drugstores across the province that are distributing the Naloxone Kit.

Future Lunch N' Learn brainstorming topics:

1. South Etobicoke Harm Reduction Coalition (SEHRC) as a panel discussion with defense counsel/legal perspective and Sarah Greig from SEHRC
2. Focus Tables – Service Gaps and Potentials
3. Post -Incarceration System – Fred Victor Health Promotion Team
4. Indigenous Community Perspective and Community Resources – College Park Aboriginal Staff
5. Cannabis Legalization Implications -

6. Video Bail Changes - Justice on Target
Domenica Dileo will survey the members prior to the next meeting. Time frame for Lunch N' Learns are June, October and January with flexibility.

Review/Approve the 2017-2018 Workplan

The workplan for 2017-2018 was approved to be submitted to the T-HSJCC for approval with the following budget:

Lunch and Learns: \$940
Honorarium: \$480
TTC tokens: \$2000 for OCH and College Park
Food Vouchers \$2000 for OCH and College Park
Total budget - \$5, 420.00

Add under #6 outcome - people who come into contact with the justice system

Agency/Organization Updates

- Natasha Bartlett reported that there will be a Mental Health Committee at College Park starting in April.
- Susan Davis reported that the Gerstein Centre's new telephone line system started last Thursday. If you have any concerns please contact Susan. The new telephone line has the capacity to prioritize wait for 15 minutes. They are able to collect data with how many calls are coming in.
- The Service Resolution Project is interviewing for a Host Agency and part-time Justice Coordinator. The T-HSJCC discusses whether we create a separate table or collaborate with existing tables?

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.
Conference information is available on the website

Presenter for next meeting: Lauren Caruana, DTFP Implementation Coach, GTA Region will present on the Stages Screening and Assessment (SS&A) process and the Ontario Perception of Care (OPOC) tool.

Actions

- Domenica Dileo will circulate PowerPoint presentation slides.
- Domenica Dileo will flag video bail as an ongoing update under meeting action

items.

- Katie Almond will find out whether Naloxone Kit is distributed at the detention centre.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 4, 2017 at Old City Hall, 60 Queen St. West, Room 14 from 8:30 a.m. -10:00 a.m.