



**Downtown Toronto Human Services and Justice
Coordinating Committee (DT-HSJCC)
Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2018
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; Esther Daniel, Judiciary; Amber Kellen, John Howard Society of Toronto; Natasha Bartlett, Fred Victor; Gord Reid, Toronto Police Service; Lindsay Jennings, PASAN; Rhona Zitney, Fred Victor/JC; Jennifer Altosaar, Toronto Network of Specialized Care; Maya Rehou, Fred Victor; Natasha Bronfman, CMHA; Elaine Amsterdam, Gerstein Centre; Scott Large, TSDC; Miriam Charendoff, Toronto Bail Program; Diana Filici, Metis Nation of Ontario; Steve Manual, Salvation Army, Maxwell Meighen; Tanya Connors, CAMH/FEIS; Kiren Sandhu, CAMH/FEIS; Ali Gholipour, The Access Point

Regrets: Susan Davis (Co-chair), Gerstein Centre; Robin Cuff, CAMH; Carlos Aedo, Houselink; Flora Matheson, Centre for Urban Health Solutions; Everton Gordon, Margaret's Housing and Community Support Services; Sean Hollingsworth, CHIRS; Charlene Crews, St. Michaels's Hospital; Stacey Christ, LAO; Debbie Lynch, CTYS; Patricia Pagnani, Toronto Bail Program; Justice Kathleen Caldwell; Julien Kimika, MCAGTA; Marianne Muller, MCSCS; Cathy Finley, MAG; Laura Klaehn; Probation and Parole; Evelyn Mitchell, Salvation Army, Maxwell Meighen; Dana Fisher; LAO; Robb Johannes, Fred Victor; Chris Persaud, Habitat Services; Scott McKean, City of Toronto; Nikki Brown, Nikki Knows/Project LUCID

Welcome and Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves

Review of January 4, 2017 Minutes

The minutes of January 4, 2018 were approved.

Review Action Items:

Domenica Dileo to ensure that the Bail and Remand in Ontario Report and Trauma tool kit link is circulated.

Presentation – Tanya Connors and Kiren Sandhu from CAMH Forensic Early Intervention Service (FEIS)

- PowerPoint slide decks will be circulated with meeting minutes

Overview of the FEIS at TSDC and Vanier Centre for Women, STAIR Model, Brief Jail Mental Health Screen, and future directions were discussed.

- 20-25 % of people in jail have a serious mental illness, 80-100% have substance use issues. 60-70% have a CAMH record
- Access to Jail/Prison Mental Health Services – many who screen positive will be assessed by FEIS and referred back to TSDC for further MH services
- One benefit of having the FEIS team complete the JSAT, is that team has the time and resources to get collateral information that helps with case management.
- FEIS will continue to work with most acutely unwell who have matters before the court.
- TSDC: Interdisciplinary team – psychiatrists, psychologists, nurses, SW

STAIR MODEL- Screening, Triage, Assessment, Intervention, Re-integration.

Discussed the STAIR Care Pathway

- FEIS – Enhance access to acute forensic services. It compliments MH services provided by MCSCS
- FEIS can see anyone from TSDC or Vanier who have matters before the court
- Discussion ensued: Feedback on screener – word ‘sinful’ can put barriers for clients

Tanya Connors and Kiren Sandhu were thanked for their informative and interactive presentation.

Following the presentation, the role of the DT-HSJCC to advocate was addressed. Themes discussed: need for housing alternatives, need for substance use diversion, coordinate access to hospital beds due to lack of hospital beds. Dementia clients, where do they go? How are safety concerns addressed?

Scott Large provided an update on the TSDC: 300 Correctional Officers and 30 Sergeants were hired. Lock downs and segregation usage going down. In six weeks they are opening an Indigenous Healing Centre. 60% of clients stay less than 2 weeks. TSDC is increasing social activities.

2018-2019 Workplan:

Reviewed the 2018-2019 workplan, which was circulated prior to the meeting. Discussion ensued- to continue with the regular five meetings and three Lunch N’ Learns. Continue with the TTC and food voucher support for OCH and College Park. The goals and objectives remain the same as previous year.

- Domenica Dileo reported that the budget goal of the T-HSJC is to have a balanced budget. After reviewing the Locals budget requests, the committee had to limit the amount of TTC tokens and food vouchers for all Locals with the understanding that surplus can be used for TTC tokens and food vouchers purchases. The T-HSJCC will review outstanding Locals budget requests in the Fall.

The DT-HSJCC 2018-2019 workplan budget approved is:

TTC Tokens	\$1,500.00
Food Vouchers	\$1,500.00
Lunch & Learns	\$940.00
Honorarium	\$480.00

The DT-HSHCC committee unanimously approved the 2018-2019 workplan and budget. Proposed meeting dates are: September 13, November 1, January 10, March 7 and May 2nd.

Lunch and Learns

Had a very successful Lunch N’ Learn evening panel titled “The Cannabis Act: Youth, Mental Health and Public Safety” with Mary Birdsell, Justice for Children and Youth; The Honourable Justice Marion Cohen; Carol Shirliff-Hinds, Public Prosecution Service of Canada (Agent); Dr. Sharon Cirone at City Hall.

This session was Law Society of Ontario Accredited. Had suggestion how to make it accessible for people who can’t donate for food to attend. For example, pay what you can. The panel adhoc planning committee was thanked for their work - specifically Esther Daniel, Judiciary.

Agency/Organization Updates

- Add video Bail to the next meeting
- Jennifer Altossar reported on a new program regarding Dual Diagnosis and MH. Looking for training opportunities with TPS. If you have contacts, please let her know.

Service Resolution/Coordination Issues

Rhona Zitney reported on the Service Resolution Project. The T-HSJCC approved continuation of the project for another year.

Updates from T-HSJCC and Provincial HSJCC

The next T-HSJCC meeting will take place on June 11, 2018

- Katie Almond reported on the P-HSJCC. Had a successful webinar on Developmental Disabilities in the Justice System. Over 300 people registered. Domenica Dileo to circulate the webinar recording link and tool kit.

- Planning for the 2019 PHSJCC conference. Looking for conference Co-chairs. If you are interested let Domenica Dileo know.

P-HSJCC is looking for a Co-chair who does not work for the public service because they need to sign cheques etc.... on behalf of the committee. Current Co-chair – Katie Almond is a public service employee.

Actions

- Domenica will circulate slides from the FEIS Presentation.
- Domenic will circulate the PHSJCC webinar video link and tool - kit on Developmental Disabilities in the Justice System. See link below:
- <http://hsjcc.on.ca/our-work/partner-updates/community-networks-of-specialized-care/developmental-disabilities-in-the-justice-system/>

Presenter for next meeting: Diana Filici from the Métis Nation of Ontario and Jennifer Altosaar on Community Network of Specialized Care Refresh.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 3, 2018 at Old City Hall, 60 Queen St. West, Room 14 from 8:30 a.m. -10:00 a.m.