



**Downtown Toronto Human Services and Justice
Coordinating Committee (DT-HSJCC)
Meeting Minutes
September 7, 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; Amber Kellen, John Howard Society of Toronto; Elaine Amsterdam, Gerstein Centre; Ali Gholipour, The Access Point; Evelyn Mitchell, Salvation Army, Maxwell Meighen; Mariya Zasheva, Riverdale Probation and Parole; Lindsay Jennings, PASAN; Jennifer Altosaar, Toronto Network of Specialized Care; Rhona Zitney, Fred Victor/JC; Enoch Landau, Centre for Urban Health Solutions; Jeanine Daniel, VWAP; Miriam Charendoff, Toronto Bail Program;

Regrets: Rebekah Churchyard, Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Service; Cathy Finley, Crown Attorney's Office; Robin Cuff, CAMH; Chris Persaud, Habitat Services; Nikki Nosworthy, CAMH; Gord Reid, Toronto Police Service; Ellie Kik, LOFT; Erin Hann, Youthdale Treatment Centres; Charlene Crews, Catch ED/Homeless, St. Michael's Hospital; Debbie Pottinger, Ecuhome; Marianne Quirouette, University of Toronto; Erin Boudreau, Schizophrenia Society of Ontario

Welcome and Introductions

- Everyone introduced themselves

Review of May 4, 2017 Minutes

- The minutes of May 4, 2017 were approved.

Action Items Follow-up

- Items were reviewed. It was reported that there has been an increase of Naloxone kit distribution at the Detention Centres.
- Lindsay Jennings reported that it is challenging to do Harm Reduction Training at the jails due to a lack of response. If you have contacts at the Detention Centres please let her know.
- It was reported that the Toronto Public Health will have funds to help organizations with Naloxone Kit training.

Presentation

Is deferred to next meeting

Lunch and Learns

Discussion ensued about the upcoming Lunch N' Learns.

Esther Daniel provided the context of the Bill C45 – Cannabis Act, Youth and Mental Health that will frame the content for an evening Lunch N' Learn. Looking at a panel discussion with a medical professional, youth court judge and/or Assistance Crown Attorney that will address the impact of the proposed legislation on the courts.

Plan to have the session accredited. The committee agreed with an evening session of two hours. This will be planned for February/March 2018.

The Lunch N' Learn Sub-Committee is also planning a Lunch N' Learn during October on Access to Justice: Video Bail & Needs of In Custody MH Clients. It was identified that it would be important to have representation from the TSDC at this Lunch N' Learn; also to have an interactive Q/A period. It is helpful to ask members what questions they have prior to the session to ensure information is provided. It was agreed to have this session at College Park courthouse since they are using video bail.

Agency/Organization Updates

The DT-HSJCC had a presentation on the Community Justice Centre (CJC) project on July 10th at Old City Hall. It was well attend by the committee members.

Discussion ensued about the Community Justice Centre meeting at Moss Park on August 10th. It was well attended -- about 100 people. Concerns where expressed that the date selection of August 10th was in conflict for people working with people in custody because it was Prison's Justice Day. Concerns where raised about how the Community Justice Centre aligns itself with the new courthouse. What will happen to services and who will fund them? How can we have input in the project? Members where encouraged to complete the online needs assessment survey by September 15th. Domenica Dileo will circulate the website link. The next forum will be in September.

How was the neighbourhood selected? How did the consultation start? We can help clients but there is no safety net – no housing. Opportunity for TPS to have pre-charge court diversion.

Do not use the word “offender” -- it stigmatizes people use incarcerated client.

Jennifer Altosaar reported that the Network of Specialized Care has been able to do training with 51 Division. The training sessions were successful. Looked at the Do's and Don't's. If your organization is interested in training please contact Jennifer. There is a link to a video on their website. She is looking for resources regarding Human Trafficking. If you have information please let her know.

Service Resolution/Coordination Issues

Rhona Zitney reported on the Service Resolution Project. She was hired as the new Justice Coordinator (JC). The goal of the JC is to work collaboratively with table members or service providers, provide justice-related education and provide service options to the clients with current or emerging complex justice needs. Work with the PSSP to develop recommendations.

- Discussion ensued whether we need a separate table. Attending FOCUS and reaching out to Health Link tables.
- A suggestion was made to have a Lunch N' Learn on the Focus Tables. There is confusion about the St. Michael's Hospital FOCUS Table and FOCUS Team.

Updates from T-HSJCC and Provincial HSJCC

The next T-HSJCC meeting will take place on September 25th
Conference information is available on the website

Actions

- Domenica Dileo will circulate Moss Park Community Justice Centre Needs Assessment link.
- Domenica Dileo will flag video bail as an ongoing update under meeting action items.

Presenter for next meeting: Debbie Pottinger from Ecuhome

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