



**Downtown Toronto Human Services and Justice
Coordinating Committee (DT-HSJCC)
Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2016
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Old City Hall, Room 14**

Present: Katie Almond (Co-chair) Riverdale Probation and Parole; Susan Davis (Co-chair), Gerstein Centre; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Flora Matheson, St. Michael's Hospital; Debbie Lynch, CTYS; Esther Daniel, Judiciary; Chris Persaud, Habitat Services; Robb Johannes, Fred Victor; Dana Fisher, Duty Counsel; Holly Thomson, YMCA (Youth Substance Abuse Program); Jeanine Daniel, VWAP; Gord Reid, Toronto Police Service; Jennifer Altosaar Toronto Network of Specialized Care; Michael French, Schizophrenia Society of Ontario; Marianne Muller, Vanier Centre for Women; Charlene Crews, Catch ED, St. Michael's Hospital; Crystal Sinclair, Toronto Bail Program; Mariya Zasheva, Riverdale Probation and Parole; Scott Large, TSDC; Whitney Wilson, John Howard Society of Toronto; Geoff Gans, CTYS, New Outlook

Regrets: Sarah Eastbrook, Yonge St Probation and Parole; Erin Hann, Youthdale Treatment Centres; Oluremi Adewale, Public Health; Patricia Pagnani, Toronto Bail Program; Anna Gulbinski, Vanier Centre for Women; Annie Burns, WoodGreen; Rebekah Churchyard, Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Service; Gwen Yorston, St. Joseph's Health Centre; Jessyca Greenwood, Defense Counsel; Elaine Amsterdam, Gerstein Centre; Amber Kellen, John Howard Society of Toronto; Robyn Miller, CHIRS; Jacqueline Phan, CAMH; Anna D'Agostino, Bartimaeus Inc.

Welcome and Introductions

- Everyone introduced themselves
Whitney Wilson is attending on behalf of Amber Kellen. She was welcomed.

Review of September 8, 2016 Minutes

- The minutes of September 8, 2016 were approved.

Action Items Follow-up

- Items were reviewed.
- TTC survey and information was distributed. The DT-HSJCC submitted a letter to the TTC addressing the cost of PRESTO cards and access issues for our client/patient population. The letter was circulated to the members and approved.

- LIHN's core basket of services deferred to next meeting.
- Lunch N' Learn flyer circulation was completed

Presentation – Marianne Muller, Vanier Centre for Women

PowerPoint slide decks were distributed.

- The Vanier Centre for Women was opened in 2003
- On a given day approximately 280 women are in custody
- Approximately 100 new admits weekly – Released average: 50 released at court, 25 – sentences satisfied, 25 bail, immigration, parole, transfer, temporary absence
- This presents a very rapid turnaround
- A dedicated mental health unit for women under development in Brampton
- Service 20 Courts
- Maximum Security – Indirect supervision - I.M.A.T. located in Unit 2, women who are identified as requiring intensive treatment. May be sentenced or remanded, diagnosed or not diagnosed. Use a case management approach with a view to stabilization
- Medium Security – Direct supervision- Programming is dependent on the level of security
- Violence against women and lack of economic independence are most significant issues experienced by the women
- Programming – They are voluntary, provide program attendance cards, letter and certificates to show the courts.
- Program provider – internal: Chaplain, Hairdressing, Librarian, horticulture, Rehabilitation Officers, Recreation Officer.
- Core Programming: Skills for Better Living, Anger Management, Substance Use, Anti-criminal thinking, Taking Control: Making Healthy Choices
- IMAT Team: Psychiatry – consults and meds review; Psychology – assessments, Individual counseling, weekly therapy group; Mental Health Nurse – health teaching, Intake and medical assessments, medication dispensing. Nurse will see inmate for assessment and within 48 hours will see the doctor; Social Work – psychosocial intake assessments, individual counseling, group work, discharge planning,
- Partnership with CAMH: Forensic Early Intervention Service (FEIS), they provide recommendations not treatment
- Correctional Managers and staff – responsible for placement, 24 hour supervision, safety, basic needs, referral to clinical support etc.
- Provide naloxone kits
- All women at Vanier are screened for safety regarding self-harm, to identify MH, addictions, suicide and medical issues followed by developing a care plan.
- Themes discussed: If a person is going to court can they give consent to correction to facilitate discharge planning with community MH worker?
- How can the mental health community partner with corrections to ensure continuity of care and medication dispensing when one is discharged? Court

information requires a supine. Consent is client driven. There are challenges with communication among the cross – sectors due to confidentiality. What to do if the community case worker/ family members believes the client is suicidal but the correctional/ court assessment does not identify this? If you suspect this it was suggested to write it on the remand papers? Discussion ensued about the nature and sensitivity of writing this. This can be helpful or not depending who has the information? Can call the institution with inmate MH concerns and they will consider them.

- Can community assessment be done inside corrections?
- There is an institution Probation Officer Liaison Worker who can facilitate the information.
- If you have concerns about an inmate please contact Marianne Muller at 905-876-8380. For the Social Work Program at Vanier contact the program clerk, Debra Pearse at 905-876-8300 ext. 4354. She can direct you to the appropriate Social Worker.
- If an agency is interested in providing a program at Vanier to contact Marianne Muller.
- Marianne Muller was thanked for her informative, great programming at Vanier and interactive presentation.

Lunch and Learns

- The Lunch N’ Learn on Navigating the Criminal Justice System: Youth Justice & Mental Health with Miriam Henry, Kaley Smith and Alex Yeaman was successful. 38 people attended. PowerPoint slide decks were circulated. A tour of the Youth MH program at 311 courthouse is available. Contact the youth program at the courthouse.
- It was agreed to have the next Lunch N’ Learn on the Naloxone kit given the increased opioid deaths. Important to have various perspectives, - pharmacology, corrections, nurse and community MH. Marianne Muller agreed to be part of the Lunch N’ Learn panel. A panel format was recommended. Looking at the end of January session. Katie Almond, Susan Davis and Domenica Dileo will follow-up. Robb Johannes offered to be on the Lunch N’ Learn planning committee.

Agency/Organization Updates

Scott Large reported on the TSDC. The Special Needs Unit has expanded from 120 to 160 beds. Approximately one third of our special needs population requires single cell accommodation which is based on clinical findings from the case management team. The 26 bed Mental Health Assessment Unit is kept at capacity. Themes discussed: When people are discharged there are concerns whether they are being ‘dumped’ to hospitals as a number of inmates are Formed to local hospital at discharge if their behavior warrants it. TSDC has been engaging with local hospitals and CAMH. Outcome to enhance communication with hospitals and increase community resources.

Jennifer Altosaar informed the committee that if anyone has questions about developmental disability concerns they can contact her for consultation.

Gordon Reid reported on the FOCUS Downtown tables at 14 and 51 Division. It follows the SPIDER and FOCUS Rexdale situation tables model. It's a community safety and well being initiative led by the City of Toronto, United Way and Toronto Police Service: Aims to reduce crime, victimization and improve community resiliency and well-being. Brings appropriate community agencies in a situation table to provide a wrap up approach to vulnerable individual and families. FOCUS Toronto supports local situation tables with coordination and admin support.

There was discussion acknowledging that there is a number of situation tables. How does the Service Resolution fit in to this? Who will house the SR Initiative as we think of it differently? The Toronto Regional HSJCC is thinking of a SR for downtown Toronto. We sent an email asking for case scenarios to identify the person (s) referred to the SR. Can send to Domenica Dileo. Jennifer Altosaar noted that there is also a Developmental Disability Table.

Service Resolution/Coordination Issues

None

Updates from T-HSJCC and Provincial HSJCC

The next T-HSJCC meeting will take place on December 16, 2016.

Katie Almond reported on the PHSJCC.

They are working on the Third version of the Police ER Project. The report is written and will be released soon.

There is a conference committee that is planning it for November 2017. It will be at the same location, the Marriott near the Eaton Centre.

Presenter for next meeting:

Lara McLachian from the LAMPCHC to present on the Pilot INKH pilot. It's a partnership between the South Etobicoke Healthlink and the TSDC.

Actions

- Domenica Dileo, Katie Almond, Susan Davis to follow -up on the next Lunch N" Learn.
- Domenica Dileo will flag video bail as an ongoing update under meeting action items.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 5, 2017 at Old City Hall, 60 Queen St. West, Room 14 from 8:30 a.m. -10:00 a.m.