



**Downtown Toronto Human Services and Justice
Coordinating Committee (DT-HSJCC)
Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2019
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Old City Hall, Room 14**

Present: Susan Davis (Co-chair), Gerstein Centre; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Natasha Bartlett, Fred Victor; Debbie Lynch, CTYS; Amber Kellen, JHS Toronto; Lindsay Jennings, PASAN; Natasha Brofman, CMHA; Elaine Amsterdam, Gerstein Centre; Steve Manuel, Salvation Army, Maxwell Meighen; Debbie Lucas, Toronto Bail Program; Tricia Dunbar, CHIRS; Robin Cuff, CAMH Drug Treatment Court; Mary Hogan, Judiciary; Allison Yeatman, WoodGreen; Scott Skinner, Toronto Network of Specialized Care; Sisay Woldemichael, Judiciary (On behalf of Daniel Esther, Judiciary); Cherly Lindsay, Anishnawbe Health Toronto; Rhona Zitney, Fred Victor/Justice Coordinator

Regrets: Katie Almond (Co-chair) Riverdale Probation and Parole; Jim Purvis, Salvation Army, College Park; Flora Matheson, Centre for Urban Health Solutions; Kelly Gilbert, Youthdale Treatment Centres; Silvia Neagu, LAO College Park; Dr. Catherine Wiseman-Hakes, TBI and the Justice System; Kaelen Boyd, Schizophrenia Society of Ontario; Gord Reid, Toronto Police Service

Welcome and Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves.

Review of March 7, 2019 Minutes

The minutes of March 7, 2019 were approved.

Review Action Items:

- Community Justice Centre – It was announced that there will be two Justice Centres in Toronto -- at Moss Park and Jane and Finch. The committee would like to learn more about the Justice Centres and how we can add value. It was agreed to have a presentation at the September meeting for an update.
- Amber Kellen provided an update on the Reintegration Centre (RC). They have a seventeen-foot trailer at the parking lot of the Toronto South Detention Centre (TSDC) with a one-year lease. Currently, they've had a 400% increase in the number of clients they are serving, including serving more women who are coming to the TSDC to pick up their belongs from

Vanier Detention Centre. John Howard Society of Toronto will be opening a permanent office on Lakeshore with six apartments available for clients.

- Service Resolution – The Toronto Regional is exploring the notion of SR. The Justice Coordinator position evolved from this. There is acknowledgement that there is a gap at current tables with regards to clients with mental health and justice involvement. FOCUS tables address escalated imminent needs not chronic needs. Allison Yeatman noted that Peel has five Service Resolution tables. She is willing to share the information with the committee.

Themes discussed: Incorporating the SR in the Justice Centres? Who should be at the table? Do we need decision makers at the table?

Presentation: Sheryl Lindsay from Aboriginal Mental Health & Addiction Services Coordinator at the Anishnawbe Health Centre.

Sheryl introduced the Rapid Access Addiction Medicine Program (RAAM) nurse Radika. The RAAM at Anishnawbe Health Toronto is located at 4 Charles St. 3rd floor, at the corner of Yonge and Charles St. East. The RAAM program opened in November 2018.

The RAAM offers support to Indigenous community members who are living with alcohol, opioid or other substance use issues. The program will offer assessment of substance use issues, access to addiction medications (opiate replacement and anti-alcohol craving) and ongoing community support. Nurse Practitioner is part of the team, including doctor and psychiatrist.

The program has walk - in hours: Monday 9-12, Wednesdays and Thursdays 1-4pm at the Charles St. location. If you have a client that you think might be interested, but cannot come during walk-in hours, or may need additional support getting to the program then please email or call Sherly.

Sherly's contact information is slindsay@aht.ca or 416-657-0379. Their aim is for the program to be as accessible as possible.

Themes discussed:

Can provide referral letter re: the scope of the program, can take referral from detention centres as part of discharge planning, no waitlist, have two mobile case managers. Clients can be referred to internal programs such as primary care, no catchment area but population specific, identity is based on self-identification, use both western and traditional healing practices.

Sherly and Radika were thanked for an interactive and informative presentation.

Lunch and Learns

Brainstormed on Lunch N' Learn topics with the following suggestions:

1. Crystal Meth response – Dr Skedota from St Stephen and/or 519 or Queen West CHC.
2. Good Grief Project (FiFe House)
3. Gender Identity / Non -Binary (Robin Cuff)
4. Osgoode Hall prison law project (Lindsay Jennings)
5. Ernest Matton Aboriginal Healing Project
6. Cannabis
7. New Courthouse
8. Justice Centres
9. Health care inside the system
10. Overdose inside prison and community inquest?
11. Toronto Community Housing - people being evicted if they are in conflict with the law (Susan Fish)

It was agreed that Domenica survey the committee for the next two topics for Lunch N' Learns. We have the Domestic Sex Trafficking Lunch N' Learn rescheduled for the Fall.

Agency/Organization Updates

Susan Davis reported on the following: a) the Gerstein Centre was approached by the City and the TCLHIN to provide mobile visits and follow up additional support to street outreach workers, respite and drop-ins, St. Michael's Hospital ED. In partnership with TCAT, Sound Times Health Access Project, St. Mike's, Access Point, Toronto North Support Services, Anishinawbe's RAAM Clinics and Mid-East Health Collaboration. They are seeing some reduction of clients going back to the hospital as they are being connected to community services.

b) Gerstein Centre is looking at urgent response for people who have dual diagnosis in partnership with the Griffin Centre. Griffin worker with one Gerstein staff will be available at night, creating a new pathway. Referral for this support is from the police.

Rhona Zitney reported that there will be a workshop, in partnership with Schizophrenia Society of Ontario, for family members on "what happens when one is charged?"

Video Bail – Is taking place at College Park.

Robin Cuff reported that they are establishing and implementing Naloxone Kit training at Old City Hall Courthouse.

Service Resolution/Coordination Issues

None

Updates from T-HSJCC and Provincial HSJCC

Provincial conference is taking place November 4-6th, 2019: Colouring Outside the Lines, more information to follow. The next T-HSJCC meeting will take place on May 8th, 2019.

Actions

- Domenica Dileo to survey members on prioritizing two Lunch N' Learn topics.

Presenter for next meeting: Ontario Health Teams, New structures – Susan Davis will provide update.

Next Meeting: Thursday September 12, 2019 at Old City Hall, 60 Queen St. West, Room 14 from 8:30 a.m. -10:00 a.m