



**Downtown Toronto Human Services and Justice
Coordinating Committee (DT-HSJCC)
Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2019
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; Natasha Bartlett, Fred Victor; Debbie Lynch, CTYS; Amber Kellen, JHS Toronto; Lindsay Jennings, PASAN; Mary Hogan, Judiciary; Scott Skinner, Toronto Network of Specialized Care; Judy Virgo, Fred Victor; Catherine Wiseman-Hakes, McMaster University, Institute of Applied Health Sciences; Courtney Miller, Springboard Services; Loyrd Lyall, Springboard Services; Flora Matheson, Centre for Urban Health Solutions; Gord Reid, TPS, Victoria Bain, Probation and Parole Officer; Amandeep Sahota, Probation and Parole Officer; Scott McKean; Justice Centres (MAG); Delia Greco, Justice Centre (MAG); Alex, Icare kit

Regrets: Susan Davis (Co-chair), Gerstein Centre; Jim Purvis, Salvation Army, College Park; Kelly Gilbert, Youthdale Treatment Centres; Silvia Neagu, LAO College Park; Kaelen Boyd, Schizophrenia Society of Ontario; Gord Reid, Toronto Police Service; Elaine Amsterdam, Gerstein Centre; Rhona Zitney, Fred Victor/Justice Coordinator; Robin Cuff, CAMH Drug Treatment Court; Allison Yeatman, WoodGreen; Daniel Esther, Judiciary; Robin Cuff, CAMH; Steve Manuel, Salvation Army; Cylene Rainville, LOFTCS; Jane Rumleskie, (VWAP)

Welcome and Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves.

Review of May 2, 2019 Minutes

The minutes of May 2, 2019 were approved.

Review Action Items:

All actions items were reviewed and completed.

Presentation: Community Justice Centres with Delia Greco and Scott McKean

- PowerPoint slide decks will be circulated
- Background on the Justice Centres was provided

- “Long-term and sustainable reduction of guns, gangs and violence requires a cross-sectoral approach that works collectively on enforcement, intervention and prevention, to achieve shared goals”
- There will be four centres across the province in Kenora, London, Toronto-Downtown East (Adults aged 18+) and Toronto- Northwest (Youth focus). The Justice Centres are funded through the Guns and Gangs Strategy.
- **Themes discussed:** Move justice out of the traditional courtroom and into a community setting with front-end supports, prevention services and community re-integration supports. Alternative way to address charges, helping victims and accuser. Community & Safety Wellbeing imbedded in the justice centers. Why post charges? Criminal code has been amended providing broader police power at the station. Opportunity for cultural shift of the police to use discretion. Feedback was provided regarding the stigma of using the term offender instead of client. Highlight development disability population.
- Domenica Dileo will circulate the link of Development Disability Justice Tool Kit. Katie Almond mentioned the following helpful links to the themes discussed. See below:
- <http://www.community-networks.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Development-Disabilities-Justice-Toolkit-Final-2016-06-17.pdf>
- <https://www.courtinnovation.org>
- Delia and Scott were thanked for an informative and interactive presentation.
- Scott McKean will present at the next DT-HSJCC meeting on the Safety Wellbeing Plan.

Medical Files Transfer Fee Survey:

Domenica reported that 17 members completed the survey from four locals and one regional table.

The following question was asked: Have your patients/clients experienced payment to transfer their medical files in order to access medical care?

From the respondents 30- 70 clients in the last 12 months had to pay a fee to see a new family doctor for their transfer.

Survey results will be brought to the regional table for discussion.

Members Evaluation:

- Evaluation summary was circulated prior to the meeting. Overall, the feedback was positive.
- There was one question about starting the meeting at a later time. Discussion ensued. Suggestion were made: is there teleconference available? It was agreed to continue with the 8:30 a.m. meeting time.

Lunch and Learns

- Domenica reported that the next Lunch and Learn will be on Domestic Sex Trafficking of Youth.
- It was agreed for the second Lunch N' Learn to be on the topic of Crystal Meth. Audience- front line staff. To address strategies about working with clients who are using methamphetami.

Agency/Organization Updates

- Amber Kellen reported that John Howard Society of Toronto has a new Lakeshore location. This includes six units of supportive housing, plus 30 housing subsidies and three bachelor apartments. More family members are using their services. A trailer of 17 feet was purchased and its located in the parking lot of the Toronto South Detention Centre. They are seeing 100 clients per month, including more women. New location is immensely increasing the clients they are serving per month. John Howard Society of Toronto is now unionized.
- Flora Matheson reported on the Life Skills groups at Good Shepherd, providing gambling treatment for people experiencing poverty and homelessness.
- ICare Kit was presented and demonstrated by Alex Monkrob. The kit was developed from their own experience. Alex was thanked for sharing them experience.

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 October 16th 2019. Conference subsidy are still available.

Actions Items:

- Domenica to follow up on the logistics of the next Lunch N' Learn
- Domenica will circulate the link of Development Disability Justice Tool Kit.
- Medical File Transfer survey results to report to the regional table.

Presenter for next meeting: Scott McKean on the Safety Wellbeing Plan.

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