



**Downtown Toronto Human Services and Justice
Coordinating Committee (DT-HSJCC)
Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2019
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; Natasha Bartlett, Fred Victor; Debbie Lynch, CTYS; Amber Kellen, JHS Toronto; Mary Hogan, Judiciary; Judy Virgo, Fred Victor; Catherine Wiseman-Hakes, McMaster University, Institute of Applied Health Sciences; Gord Reid, TPS, Scott McKean, City of Toronto; Silvia Neagu, LAO College Park; Matthew Eaton Kent, Defense Counsel; Steve Manuel, Salvation Army; Mary Burton, CHIRS; Elaine Amsterdam, Gerstein Centre

Regrets: Jim Purvis, Salvation Army, College Park; Kelly Gilbert, Youthdale Treatment Centres; Kaelen Boyd, Schizophrenia Society of Ontario; Gord Reid, Toronto Police Service; Rhona Zitney, Fred Victor/Justice Coordinator; Robin Cuff, CAMH Drug Treatment Court; Allison Yeatman, WoodGreen; Daniel Esther, Judiciary; Cylene Rainville, LOFTCS; Jane Rumleskie, (VWAP); Scott Skinner, Toronto Network of Specialized Care; Flora Matheson, Centre for Urban Health Solutions; Courtney Miller, Springboard Services; Loyrd Lyall, Springboard Services

Welcome and Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves.

Review of September 12, 2019 Minutes

The minutes of September 12, 2019 were approved.

Review Action Items:

All actions items were reviewed and completed.

Presentation: Scott McKean on the Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan

- Handouts will be circulated.
- The Toronto Board of Health adopted the Community Violence in Toronto – A Public Health Approach report at its November 12, 2019 meeting. This motion addresses community violence and mental health. This report identifies that community violence has physical and mental health impacts on the victim, perpetrator, family, friends, neighbours and the city.

- At its October 3 meeting, Toronto City Council adopted the Investing in Anti-Violence Programs report.
<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.EX8.26>
- Commitment to fund projects for and by people with lived experience. Funds have been allocated for this model.
- An overview of the Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan as identified in the Community Safety and Policing Act 2019 was provided.
- The Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 mandates every municipality across Ontario to prepare and adopt a Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan.
- Municipalities must form a multi-sectoral advisory committee
- Exploring story telling as communication strategy.
- **Themes discussed:** When working with gang involved people – how does one provide safety when one has no safety measures? Challenges working with youth with gang involvement and then go back to the trauma. Looking forward to future sharing information with the committee.
- Scott was thanked for an informative and interactive presentation.

Lunch and Learns

- Susan Davis reported that 32 people attended the Domestic Sex Trafficking of Youth Lunch N' Learn. In this session, it was brought to our attention that participants need to be careful when people with lived experience are presenting. It was agreed that following Lunch N' Learns will be on the topic of Crystal Meth Audience- front line staff. To address strategies about working with clients who are using methamphetamine as well, Youth Brain Injury training feedback/consultation session.

Agency/Organization Updates

None

Service Resolution/Coordination Issues:

None

Updates from T-HSJCC and Provincial HSJCC:

Katie Almond reported on the Provincial conference that took place on November 4-6th, 2019. 451 people attended the conference. Participants indicated that they would like to know more about collaboration.

Susan Davis reported on the Service Resolution discussion at the Toronto Regional meeting of October 16, 2019. She provided the context of the Service Resolution process. Newberry consultants were hired and made recommendations, there is a Complex Care Sub Committee that reports to the Toronto Regional HSJCC. Rhonda Zitney was hired as the Service Resolution Justice Coordinator, she had a broad mandate consisting of one day per week. Her main role has been education and capacity building. The total budget is \$20,000. In the past several years there has been changes in the system i.e Focus Tables. What is the best way to serve complex clients in the justice system? Can we identify what the gaps are? Role of the DT-HSJCC?

Brainstorm discussion took place.

The following themes were discussed: Housing and social determinants of health were identified as the main gaps to address, otherwise it creates a revolving door cycle. Can we help with transition by networking? How do we utilize small amount of funds?

It was acknowledged that we will continue this discussion at the next meeting.

Actions Items:

- Domenica will follow up on the logistics of the next Lunch N' Learn
- Domenica will circulate the presentation handouts

Presenter for next meeting: Lin Sallay on Cota's new Assertive Housing First Team.

Next Meeting: Thursday January 9th, 2020 at Old City Hall, 60 Queen St. West, Room 14 from 8:30 a.m. -10:00 a.m.