



**Downtown Toronto Human Services and Justice  
Coordinating Committee (DT-HSJCC)  
Meeting Minutes  
January 9, 2020  
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; Judy Virgo, Fred Victor; Rhona Zitney, Fred Victor/Justice Coordinator; Catherine Wiseman-Hakes, Toronto Rehab Institute: McMaster University; Gord Reid, Toronto Police Service; Matthew Eaton Kent, Defense Counsel; Steve Manuel, Salvation Army; Mary Burton, CHIRS; Kaelen Boyd, Schizophrenia Society of Ontario; Robin Cuff, CAMH Drug Treatment Court; Scott Skinner, Toronto Network of Specialized Care; Shane Rolland, Toronto Police Services 14 Division ORB/CAMH Liaison Officer; Radha Nagar, Nagar Consulting; Lin Sallay, Cota; Oriana Lessard, Cota; Barbara Domenech, Cota; Wanda Mc Pherson, Springboard; Kanica Coshal, Youthdale Treatment Centres

**Regrets:** Kelly Gilbert, Youthdale Treatment Centres; Cylene Rainville, LOFTCS; Flora Matheson, Centre for Urban Health Solutions; Courtney Miller, Springboard Services; Amber Kellen, JHS Toronto; Mary Hogan, Judiciary

**Welcome and Introductions**

Everyone introduced themselves. Shane Rolland TPS was welcomed to the committee. He is working in the new position of 14 Division ORB/CAMH Liaison Officer.

**Review of November 14, 2019 Minutes**

The minutes of November 14, 2019 were approved with the following amendment: Gord Reid, Toronto Police Service was not in attendance.

**Review Action Items:**

All actions items were reviewed and completed.

**Presentation:** Lin Sallay and Radha Nagar on Cota's new Assertive Housing First Team.

- Based on John Howard Society research which identified the importance of having a consistency care team and increase supportive housing resources.

- Housing and Support Services will be together for Mental Health and Justice population.
- There will be rent supplements for 100 permanent housing units.
- Eligibility criteria: MH and correctional centres, age- 18 years plus,
- Referral through the access point
- Active or chronic homelessness
- Intend to live in Toronto for one year or longer
- MH court support; 3 or more incidents of court appearances
- Release from custody – 1 or more incidents
- Outcomes are determined by the funder
- Team has addiction case managers

**Themes discussed:** What is the housing model? Scattered units? All options are on the table. What does assertive mean? No court order to take meds or a housing model and psychiatry treatment? Drug treatment court involvement? Time of service 9-5 or when? Evaluation plan? How do you define chronic – folks who do not need long term care. Indicators will come from OCAN. Will be looking at process evaluation. Cognitive imperative will include ABI. Does it include TBI? What about sex offenders and arson charges? Gap in youth who are transitioning with a developmental different age? Suggestion to look at drop-ins as well as specific days at court instead of no. of appearances. Suggestion to partner with DSO.

When the formal Boucher and/or pamphlet is completed it will be circulated to the HSJCC members

Lin, Oriana and Radha were thanked for an informative and interactive presentation.

### **Lunch and Learns**

Possible topics discussed: Addressing the Needs of Youth with TBI in the Ontario Youth Criminal Justice System: Creating an implementation process for TBI screening; Gender Identity or Crystal Methamphetamine. February/ March sessions

### **Review Workplan for 2019-2020**

What we accomplished and future areas to consider?

Who is missing at the table?

Domenica to reach out to Elizabeth Fry as well as, explore outreach approaches to increase membership from people with lived experience and indigenous people. It was suggested to write a blurb about their role be and what we do?

Discussion ensued regarding the Toronto Service Resolution Project. It was agreed to add to the 2020/2021 workplan to explore the role of the DT-HSJCC and Toronto Service Resolution Project.

Members are encouraged to view the webinar link on the North West's establishment of their Centre of Responsibility and/or slides below prior to next meeting as we will continue the discussion re: the role of the DT-HSJCC table in the Toronto Service Resolution project and next step.

<https://hsjcc.on.ca/how-we-got-here-the-northwest-community-mobilization-network/>

You should be able to download the PowerPoint slides as well. Look below the recording link to where it says, "Download a copy of the presentation".

Rhona was thanked for her contribution to this project.

It was agreed to continue with the TTC tokens and Tim Hortons budget for both courthouses.

### **Terms of Reference**

It was agreed to include that honorarium is provided for people with lived experience in the Terms of Reference.

### **Agency/Organization Updates**

Video Bail – no updates

Robin Cuff reported that there is movement to reduce the amount of court time and judge's time for specialty courts. The need to do advocacy on this issue was acknowledged. Katie Almond will bring this issue to the Provincial HSJCC table. Bill C75 and its impact?

### **Service Resolution/Coordination Issues:**

None

### **Updates from T-HSJCC and Provincial HSJCC:**

The T-HSJCC will be meeting on January 22, 2020.

### **Actions Items:**

- Domenica will follow up on the logistics of the next Lunch N' Learn
- Domenica will follow up on outreach blur.
- Katie Almond will inform the P-HSJCC table about C75 and its impact.

**Presenter for next meeting:** Addressing the Needs of Youth with TBI in the Ontario Youth Criminal Justice System: **Next Meeting:** Thursday, March 5, 2020 at Old City Hall, 60 Queen St. West, Room 14 from 8:30 a.m. -10:00 a.m.