



**Downtown Toronto Human Services and Justice
Coordinating Committee (DT-HSJCC)
Meeting Minutes
March 7, 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; Lindsay Jennings, PASAN; Dr. Catherine Wiseman-Hakes, TBI and the Justice System; Natasha Brofman, CMHA; Elaine Amsterdam, Gerstein Centre; Kaelen Boyd, Schizophrenia Society of Ontario; Gord Reid, Toronto Police Service; Laura Klaehn, Young St. Probation and Parole; Steve Manuel Salvation Army, Maxwell Meighen; Debbie Lucas, Toronto Bail Program; Tricia Dunbar, CHIRS; Dr. Joseph Wszalek, JD, PhD

Regrets: Jennifer Altosaar, Toronto Network of Specialized Care; Jim Purvis, Salvation Army, College Park; Flora Matheson, Centre for Urban Health Solutions; Kelly Gilbert, Youthdale Treatment Centres; Esther Daniel, Judiciary; Scott Skinner, Toronto Network of Specialized Care; Silvia Neagu, LAO College Park; Robin Cuff, CAMH Drug Treatment Court; Mary Hogan, Judiciary

Welcome and Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves.

Review of January 10, 2019 Minutes

The minutes of January 10, 2019 were approved.

Review Action Items:

Reviewed and completed

Presentation: Dr. Joseph Wszalek on the implications of legal language among people with traumatic brain injury

- Presentation slide decks will be circulated
- Legal frame work presentation
- Cognitive Communication, Language, and the Law: Findings from and Implications for Individuals with Traumatic Brain Injury

Themes discussed: TBI as a disorder of brain connectivity and population risk factors. What are the possible interventions to ameliorate these systemic risks? When speaking with client's slow down to explain, need to look at the systemic level. Ask client's what they understand.

Dr. Joseph Wszalek was thanked for an interactive and informative presentation.

Lunch and Learns

Domenica Dileo reported on the Lunch N' Learn session titled: Understanding the Impacts of Trauma with Kathryn Mettler, MSW which took place on January 30th, 2019 at OCH Room 14. Total participants were 24 and 18 (86%) completed the evaluation. The session was rated 100% as above average to excellent.

Learning objectives were greater understanding of the impacts of trauma and trauma responses and improved capacity to respond to persons with trauma histories. Suggested topics for Lunch and Learns were: Autism and Personality Disorder.

Many people were interested in continuing the discussion on *Understanding the Impacts of Trauma*. PART 2 with Kathryn Mettler, MSW will be held at College Park Courthouse on March 20, 2019th. The format for this session will be consultation style. Participants will have the opportunity to bring case scenarios, questions and/or situations that can be explored using trauma informed principles. Please email your scenarios, questions to Domenica.dileo@rogers.com

Domestic Sex Trafficking of Youth with Metro Youth Services will take place on March 27th. More information to follow.

Approval of Workplan 2019-2020

Dr. Catherine Wiseman-Hakes moved to accept the workplan 2019/20, second by Natasha Brofman. The committee unanimously approved the workplan 2019/20 It was noted that the Toronto Regional approved the DT-HSJCC requested budget of:

TTC Tokens: \$1500

Food Vouchers: \$1500

Lunch & Learns: \$940

Honorarium: \$480

Total budget: \$4420

Service Resolution Toronto Project Update

Themes discussed: How do we start building service resolution capacity when things don't always work well? It was agreed to explore service resolution at the Downtown HSJCC as a potential service resolution table? Should we have an adhoc group to address this? It was suggested to look at the Surrey Place resolution model. Who should be at the table? Do we need decision makers at the table?

It was noted that at the next meeting we will focus mainly on the following areas:
Exploring Service Resolution at the DT-HSJCC table; Community Justice Centre;
Toronto South Detention Centre concerns: Implication for clients when centre
closes?

Agency/Organization Updates

Deferred to next meeting

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 circulate PowerPoint presentations slide decks.
- Domenica Dileo will follow up on Lunch N' Learn organizing and logistics

Presenter for next meeting: Sheryl Lindsay, Aboriginal Mental Health & Addiction
Services Coordinator at the Anishnawbe Health Centre

Next Meeting: Thursday May 2, 2019 at Old City Hall, 60 Queen St. West, Room 14
from 8:30 a.m. -10:00 a.m