



**Downtown Toronto Human Services and Justice  
Coordinating Committee (DT-HSJCC)**

**Meeting Minutes  
January 10, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
Old City Hall, Room 14**

**Present:** Paul Quinn, Gerstein Centre; Vidya Fraser, CRCT; Nick Harrilall, Sound Times; Thuan Ngo, Houselink Community Homes; Dana Fisher, Duty Counsel; Theresa Hirschberg, LOFTS; Nellie Rahman, LOFTS; Crystal Sinclair, Toronto Bail Program; Paula McLellan, Toronto Bail Program; Imtiaz Moursalien, Toronto Bail Program; Amber Kellen, John Howard Society; Natalie Massender, Margaret Frazer House; Sandra Bricker, Toronto Network of Specialized Care; Sheryl Lindsay, Sistering; Marguerite Campbell, T.A. Patterson & Associates Inc.; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Julie A. Pagliaro, Schizophrenia Society of Ontario; Beverly A. Brown, Judiciary; Debbie Lynch, CTYS; Priscilla Ofosu Barko, CTYS. Sarah Diamond, Toronto Police Services; Gord Reid, Toronto Police Services; Joanna Theriault, Toronto Police Services; Joanne Capozzi, Crown Attorney's Office; Mariann Taylor-Baptiste, MCSCS; Tina Trepanier, Toronto Police Services.

**Regrets:** Susan Davis (Co-chair), Gerstein Centre; Katie Almond (Co-chair) Riverdale Probation and Parole; Edward (Ted) Kelly, Defense Counsel; Dianna Cochrane, CAMH; Rhona Jitney, CRCT; Bill Gapen, Griffin Centre; Chris Persaud, Habitat Services; Joanna Zielinski, Parkdale Probation and Parole.

**Welcome and Introductions**

- Paul Quinn chaired the meeting. Everybody introduced themselves.

**Review of November 1, 2012 minutes**

- Approved with the following amendment: Add Reconnect as a partner agency to the Mental Health and Justice Housing presentation slide deck distributed at the November 1, 2012 meeting.

**Centralization**

- Discussion ensued about how the New Central Access System for referral is going. It is important to continue tracking issues and address whether service resolution is needed.
- The main goal of the New Central Access System is for referral to the ACT team and case management. Anybody can make a referral if one needs ACT team

support. Referring agencies will make their own assessments. To access Addiction Central Services, call 211

### **2013/2014 Work Plan**

- Please review the draft 2013/2014 Work Plan for discussion at the next meeting. If you have suggestions please email them to Domenica Dileo at [domenica.dileo@rogers.com](mailto:domenica.dileo@rogers.com) prior to the next meeting.

### **Agencies Updates**

- Sistering is partnering with Margaret Fraser House. A case manager from Margaret Fraser goes on site to Sistering.
- The Gerstein Centre addiction program has received core funding. There are six beds at Ossington Detox to help with ER demands. To access the service, call the Gerstein Crisis line 416-929-5200.
- The Schizophrenia Society of Ontario is going through transition. Julie Pagliaro is moving to policy and advocacy, which will provide limited support to the family program.
- Sandi Bricker reported that the Toronto Network of Specialized Care (TNSC) is beginning a process to bring together an “Inter-ministerial Service Resolution for Complex Clients” with a Dual Diagnosis (Developmental Disability, Mental Health Needs and/or Challenging Behaviour). Historically, a number of the people who need this level of collaboration have fallen through the cracks. Since they use multiple services funded by multiple ministries, there is a need for an Inter-ministerial response. There will be an initial meeting at the end of January where Justice, Health and the Ministry of Community and Social Services will be involved.

### **New South Toronto Detention Centre**

- Brad Gill-Tamcsu, Senior Programs Advisor, Toronto South Detention Centre is scheduled to come to the March 7, 2013 meeting.

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

- The due date for the Police ER Protocol Project is January 15, 2013. The following concerns were identified: How is this project different from other projects on the ER issues? How do you integrate the various systems to buy into a standardized protocol? What does the implementation look like?
- The Provincial HSJCC is working on restructuring and localizing implementation to be more effective at the local level.

### **Presentation – *Mental Health Court* - Joanne Capozzi**

- The slide deck is distributed with the minutes.

- The regular process of one-size fits all does not work well to address the needs of mentally ill offenders. A collaborative approach is used in the MH Court to produce better results.
- In Court 102, fitness testing took longer. Having a psychiatrist on site shortens the wait time for a fitness test, allowing for same day turnaround.
- Eligibility for Mental Health Diversion requires medical evidence.
- Mental Health Worker and Bail collaborate to address public safety.
- People who commit crimes in the following Divisions 14, 52, 51 and 11 can access Court 102. When there are exceptions, requests are made.

**Actions:**

- Please send ideas and suggestion for the 2013-2014 Work Plan to Domenica Dileo at [domenica.dileo@rogers.com](mailto:domenica.dileo@rogers.com) prior to the next meeting.

**Next Meeting**

Brad Gill-Tamcsu, Senior Programs Advisor to the Toronto South Detention Centre will be the presenter at the next meeting on March 7 2013 at 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Old City Hall, Room 14