



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

**Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2013
8:30 – 10:00 a.m.
Old City Hall, Room 14**

Present: Susan Davis (Co-chair), Gerstein Centre; Katie Almond (Co-chair), Riverdale Probation and Parole; Rhona Zitney, CRCT; Julie Mehred, CRCT; Linda Brett, LOFTS; Crystal Sinclair, Toronto Bail Program; Patricia Pagnani, Toronto Bail Program; Marguerite Campbell, Margaret's Housing and Community Support Services; Sheryl Lindsay, Sistering; Marguerite Campbell, T.A. Patterson & Associates Inc.; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Debbie Lynch, CTYS; Gord Reid, Toronto Police Services; Edward (Ted) Kelly, Defense Counsel; Katalin Kirec, Crown Attorney's Office; Umwali Sollange CH & E Specialist (RIC-JC), GTA Region; Michael Lyster, Strachan House; David Raponi-Monk, John Howard Society of Toronto; Gary Calverley, MCSCS.

Regrets: Amber Kellen, John Howard Society; Sandra Bricker, Toronto Network of Specialized Care; Bill Gapen, Griffin Centre; Dianna Cochrane, CAMH; Robin Cuff, CAMH; Allar Viinamae; Probation and Parole; Chris Persaud, Habitat Services; Mary Ross-Hendriks, Judiciary; Cindy Rose, Toronto Public Health; Joanna Theriault, Toronto Police Services; Patricia Fleischmann, Toronto Police Services;

Welcome and Introductions

- Everyone introduced themselves.
- New and returning members: Patricia Pagnani, Toronto Bail Program was welcomed. Cindi Shoot, COTA Health is back from leave.

Review of May 2, 2013 minutes

- The minutes were approved

Lunch and Learns – Future Topics

The following topics were suggested:

- A follow-up to "Understanding basic medication-related issues in clients with common psychiatric conditions: A primer for individuals working within the justice system".

- Dialogue about the new amendments to the criminal code, which are at the debating stage. Having an open dialogue about what we like and don't like about the criminal code amendments can facilitate input to the debate.
- The Ontario Justice Network presents a simulation/dramatization of what happens in courts. This interactive presentation has been effective in educating about what happens in the courts. Judges, Crown Attorneys, Defense Counsel will be invited to be part of the presentation.
- An information session on the use of tasers with a guest speaker from the police.
- The P-HSJCC conference in November will have a panel on the NCR Bill C-54. It may be possible to use the conference presentation resources, i.e., PowerPoint for a Lunch and Learn.
- Katie Almond will ask Steve Lurie for an update on the At Home/Chez Soi project
- Coordinated Access to Care from the Hospital Emergency Department (CATCH-ED) - Discuss the needs of the 5% population that CATCH-ED is referring to. CATCH-ED would like to reduce that population in the emergency department and the community prefers to see people in hospitals instead of jail.
- In response to members' desire to have a better understanding of the Criminal Code, Ted Kelly agreed to provide an overview at the next DT-HSHCC meeting.
- We need to consider technologies that can be used to maximize who we reach with the Lunch and Learns, i.e., webinars, podcasts.

Service Access-Challenges – Central Access – How is it going?

- CASH and ACCESS1 have integrated and are working on a new database. Concerns were expressed about the long waitlist and the difficulty for clients to move on. ACCESS1 will be invited to do a presentation at the next meeting. Linda Brett will provide an Access1 presentation if Allison Hunt can co-present.

Agencies Updates

- Gary Calverley reported that the opening date for the Toronto South Detention Date (TSDC) has not been finalized yet. He will look into the possibilities of holding a January DT-HSJCC meeting at the TSDC. The Don Jail will be the first jail to close.
- Umwali Sollange reported that the Justice Collaborative is getting closer to selecting a gap to work on. The Maps of Synthesized Issues & Preliminary Priorities and a Dot Map Of A Typical System User Journey were distributed. The main two points the gap is focusing on from the map are Point 1, the initial arrest and Point 6, Discharge. The next JC meeting will confirm the membership. (September 11th at 464 College St. and Bathurst)
- The Riverdale Probation Office is moving to 246 Parliament St.

Updates from T-HSJCC and Provincial HSJCC

- The P-HSJCC conference “ The Changing World from Youth to Elderly in Human Services and Justice will take at the Toronto Marriott Eaton Centre, November 25-27, 2013. Conference subsidies are available to HSJCC members and next

week will be opened to HSJCC members' co-workers. Deadline for subsidy is October 1st, 2013.

Presenters for Next Meeting.

- Ted Kelly will provide an overview of the Criminal Code.
- Linda Brett and Allison Hunt will present on ACCESS1.

Actions

- Katie Almond will ask Steve Lurie for an update on the At Home/Chez Soi project.
- Linda Brett will provide an Access1 presentation if Allison Hunt can co-present.
- Gary Calverley will look into the possibilities of holding a January DT-HSJCC meeting at the TSDC.

Next Meeting

- November 7, 2013 from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. at Old City Hall, Room 14.