



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

**Meeting Minutes
November 7, 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; Lin Sallay, LOFT; Debbie Lucas, 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; Dana Fisher, Duty Counsel; Edward (Ted) Kelly, Defense Counsel; Michael Lyster, Strachan House; David Raponi-Monk, John Howard Society of Toronto; Gary Calverley, MCSCS; Amber Kellen, John Howard Society; Sandra Bricker, Toronto Network of Specialized Care; Joanna Theriault, Toronto Police Services; Mary Ross-Hendriks, Judiciary; Robin Cuff, CAMH; Diane Walter, Margaret's Housing and Community Support Services; Chris Harris, PASAN.

Welcome and Introductions

- Everybody introduced themselves.
- Lin Sallay is back from leave.

Review of September 5, 2013 Minutes

- The minutes were approved with the following amendment: add Talena Jackson's name under Present as she attended the meeting.

Central Access – How is it Going?

- There are challenges with coordinated care. Feedback was provided about what to do when making a referral and you are not the primary referral source for the CASH application. Clients get a number with the CASH application but its difficult to contact the client if clients move. There are benefits for the organization that has the longest relationship with the client if they apply to CASH. Consent is needed for referral.
- The committee will explore having CASH make a presentation.

Lunch and Learns

- Domenica Dileo reported that it is possible to expand access to the Lunch and Learns by using webinars. The Lunch and Learns can be recorded so that members who can't attend will be able to watch it live and/or access it later on. We would need access to the Internet and a phone line to have a webinar lunch and learn at Old City Hall. Ted Kelly will find out whether we can have a space at the court that has Internet and a phone line.
- Ted Kelly reported that Bill C 64 is in limbo. The government is moving to a punitive rather than a rehabilitation approach.
- Early in 2014 we will have a Lunch and Learn with somebody from the Ontario Review Board talking about the proposed amendments to the criminal code. A possible speaker would be Mr. Justice Richard Schneider. We could also show a short version of the film *NCR: Not Criminally Responsible* by John Kastner. Ted Kelly will follow up with the speaker and the filmmaker.
- We will have a Lunch and Learn about minimal sentences, to look at case studies about how they are impacting people with mental illness.

Presentation

Roby Miller from Community Head Injury Resource Services (CHIRS)

- CHIRS is a multi service agency. It is an accredited organization. See the CHIRS pamphlet that was distributed.
- ABI involves sustained injury to the brain that can be violent or non-violent. Long-term effects may include physical and cognitive impairments, behaviour disorders, and speech and communication problems.
- CHIRS has 3 residences with 24-hour staff. It provides programs such as one-on-one service, age at home support program, adult day services, social recreational program, employment program, community integration program, neuropsychological assessments, occupational therapist, neuropsychiatry, and family support.
- There is a 10-year waitlist for residence.
- For complex MI, and addictions programs there is a 3-6 month waitlist
- CHIRS is partnering with Fred Victor and expanding in York Region.
- To make a referral, contact the ABI Network and ask about CHIRS. There is an online application.

Justice Collaborative Update

- Katie Almond reported that the next meeting of the Justice Collaborative is November 20th. The focus is being narrowed to look at court service collaboration for clients with complex issues, to provide a plan of care as part of discharge that will address their complex needs. The JC is suggesting to have a pilot project at Old City Hall or College Park.

Agency / Organization updates

- Katie Almond reported that the Riverdale Parole Office is moving on November 25, 2013 to 246 Parliament St. The phone numbers and extensions will remain the same. Moving information will be sent to Domenica Dileo for distribution.
- John Howard Society is moving to their new location on Eglinton Avenue between Oakwood Avenue and Dufferin Street. The housing office will stay at the Broadview and Danforth location.
- Withdrawal Management Centres at St. Michael's and UHN will be united. Theoretically no beds will be lost. The Gerstein Centre is trying to find a new location for 6 beds.

Service Resolution/ Coordination

- Many sex offenders can't access the safe beds and end up staying in hotels instead of housing. Many offenders need counselling but can't access counselling programs because they are also predators.
- Probation is looking into developing programs for sex offenders.
- A Lunch and Learn topic might be about how to address the challenges for sex offenders, looking at the systemic problem of sex offenders and the safety limitations.

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.
- Katie Almond announced that Gary Calverley will retire from Correctional Services in the New Year. He was acknowledged for his commitment and thanked for his contribution to the HSJCC.

Next Meeting:

- Domenica Dileo will follow up with Gary Calverley as to whether the next DT-HSJCC meeting on the January 9th 2014 can be held at the Toronto South Detention Centre, and whether a tour of the facility can be included.
- Presentation: A presentation from Access 1 and/or CASH is possible. To be confirmed.

Actions:

- Ted Kelly will find out whether the DT-HSJCC can have access to a courtroom with Internet and phone connection.
- Ted Kelly will follow up on a speaker from the Ontario Review Board and John Kastner's film for a Lunch and Learn early in 2014.
- Domenica Dileo will distribute moving information for the Riverdale Parole Office.
- Domenica Dileo will follow up with Gary Calverley about having the next DT-HSJCC meeting at the TSDC.

