



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

Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2014

3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Toronto South Detention Centre

Present: Susan Davis (Co-chair), Gerstein Centre; Katie Almond (Co-chair) Riverdale Probation and Parole; Rhona Zitney, CRCT; Lin Sallay, LOFT; Crystal Sinclair, Toronto Bail Program; Patricia Pagnani, Toronto Bail Program; Marguerite Campbell, T.A. Patterson & Associates Inc.; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Debbie Lynch, CTYS; Michael Lyster, Strachan House; Gord Reid, Toronto Police Services; Mary Ross-Hendriks, Judiciary; Robin Cuff, CAMH; Chris Harris, PASAN; Umwali Sollange, CAMH-Justice Collaborative; Roby Miller, CHIRS; Imtiaz Moursalien, Toronto Bail Program; Priscilla Ofosu-Barko, CTYS; Chris Persaud, Habitat Services; Allar Viinamae, MCSCS; Flora Matheson, St. Michael's Hospital; Enoch Landav, CAMH – Justice Collaborative; Brad Tamcsu, MCSCS; Tanya Connors (CAMH-FEIS)

Regrets: David Raponi-Monk, John Howard Society of Toronto; Amber Kellen, John Howard Society of Toronto, Joanne Walsh, St. Michael's Hospital; Sheryl Lindsay Sistering; Linda Brett, LOFT; Joanna Zielinski, Parkdale Probation and Parole; Irina Sytcheva, Schizophrenia Society of Ontario; Sandra Bricker, Toronto Network of Specialized Care.

Welcome and Introductions

- Everybody introduced themselves. Brad Tamcsu will be replacing Gary Calverley who has retired. Ted Kelly has been appointed to the bench at Toronto West Court. Congratulations to Ted.

Review of November 7 2013 Minutes

- The minutes were approved with the following amendment: Delete the double "Margaret Campbell", name from the minutes. There is only one committee member representing T.A. Patterson & Associates.

Lunch and Learns

- Domenica Dileo has been researching the logistics for moving the Lunch and Learns to a webinar format. The primary benefits are increasing the audience

and being more accessible, given that the webinars will be uploaded to the HSJCC website and available 24/7. It's a challenge to maintain the current Lunch and Learn model and to have the required technology for webinars.

- Ted Kelly has lined up Mr. Justice Richard Schneider and other guest speakers from the Ontario Review Board (ORB) for a Lunch and Learn webinar.

Work Plan 2014-2015 (Draft)

- The Draft Work Plan for 2014-2015 was distributed.
- Last year, the committee's direction was to address stigma, service resolution and coordination.
- The Committee members would like more information on the safe beds situation. Susan Davis from the Gerstein Centre has agreed to do a presentation about where people are coming from and going re safe beds. There is no waitlist for safe beds because it is not transitional housing. Based on individual circumstances, there is some flexibility on the safe bed length of stay but it has limitations.
- The number of mandatory minimum inmates is increasing. This issue could be addressed in the 2014-2015 Work Plan

Agency/Organization Updates

- Brad Tamcsu reported that the TSDC is continuing to work on operational readiness. They expect to have the first inmate by the end of the month. The Toronto jail closed in December and staff has been transitioned. About 40 inmates per week will be transitioned to the TSDC. The priority at-risk population will be moved after the general population. The closing date for Toronto West is April 2014.
- Tanya Connors from CAMH reported that the Forensic Early Intervention Services (FEIS), funded by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, will be housed at the TSDC. It is a collaborative project between CAMH and TSDC. There will be an interdisciplinary team including a psychiatry, forensic mental health nurses, and social workers. Inmates will be referred from the TSDC to Feis. FEIS will provide further forensic mental health assessment and collaboration with TSDC and make recommendations to the TSDC team.

Updates from T-HSJCC and Provincial HSJCC

- The P-HSJCC conference *The Changing World from Youth to Elderly in Human Services and Justice*, that took place from November 25-27, 2013, was a success. 400 people registered.
- On January 29th there will be a webinar on prison belongings presented by the P-HSJCC.
- Umwali Sollange reported that there is a working group teasing out the Justice Collaborative intervention. The next Justice Collaborative meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2014 to decide on an intervention.

Tour of the TSDC

For the tour the DT-HSJCCC members were divided in two groups. Brad Tamsu led one group; another TSDC staff led the other group. Members found the tour informative and were glad to participate. The TSDC staff was thanked for providing the tour.

Next Meeting:

March 6, 2014

Old City Hall, 60 Queen St. West, Room 14

8:30-10:00 a.m.

Presenter: CASH and ACCESS1