



**Downtown Toronto Human Services and Justice
Coordinating Committee (DT-HSJCC)
Meeting Minutes
September 4, 2014
8:30 – 10 am
Old City Hall, Room 14**

Present: Katie Almond (Co-chair) Riverdale Probation and Parole; Rhona Zitney, CRCT; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Chris Persaud, Habitat Services; Flora Matheson, St. Michaels's Hospital; Jill Shakespeare, CAMH; Sheryl Lindsay Sistering; Cindy Rose, Toronto Public Health; Talena Jackson, Margaret's Housing and Community Support Services; Mary Ross-Hendriks, Judiciary; Michael Lyster, Strachan House; Debbie Lynch, CTYS; Sarah Easterbrook, Probation and Parole (Yonge St. Office)

Regrets: Susan Davis (Co-chair), Gerstein Centre; David Raponi-Monk, John Howard Society of Toronto; Sandra Bricker, Toronto Network of Specialized Care; Brad Tamcsu, MCSCS; Patricia Pagnani, Toronto Bail Program; Gord Reid, Toronto Police Services; Umwali Sollange, CAMH-Justice Collaborative; Amber Kellen, John Howard Society of Toronto

Welcome and Introductions

- Everyone introduced themselves.

Review of May 1, 2014 Minutes

- The minutes of May 1, 2014 were approved

Lunch and Learns

- We have a tentative plan for October 29, 2014 with Justice Richard Schneider to address the legislative changes to the Criminal Code. We would like to record the session and possibly link it to the HSJCC website. More information to follow.

Presentation – EnAbling Change – Asha Maharaj

- The project started in the context of the new Accessibility for Ontarians with Disability Act (AODA) to identify the communication issues. A consultant was hired to perform a needs assessment. The project's curriculum is in a web-based format. The bulk of the training is on communication. The target population is the justice system, including judges, duty counsel, defense counsel, administrative staff, etc. There will also be a Facilitator Guide

available with a resource link. If anyone would like to add to the resource link please forward information to Domenica Dileo.

- CAMH will oversee the resource update to ensure it remains current. There will be ongoing evaluation of the project. Asha Maharaj will send any updates to Domenica Dileo. Rhona Zitney will send information on the Centre for Court Innovation to Domenica Dileo to forward to Asha Maharaj. Here's the link: www.courtinnovation.org.
- The project will be launched prior to the end of 2014.

Agency Updates

- **CRCT** is undertaking a process of exploring a merger with Fred Victor.
- **Reintegration Centre** has secured space and is planning to open November 1, 2014. They have hired a centre coordinator and are working with the Justice Collaborative to develop an assessment tool. They are also working with the academic community to evaluate the project.
- **Probation & Parole** reported that the TSDC is not full and are addressing ongoing organizational issues. It was suggested that we get an update for the next meeting. Katie Almond will follow up.
- **Justice Collaborative Update.** Jill Shakespeare reported that they are looking at a needs identification tool and have two pilot sites – College Park and the Reintegration Centre. Are also looking at including other partners.

Service Resolution/Coordination Issues

- There was discussion surrounding people going to hospitals for medication then getting turned away. Jill Shakespeare will follow up with CAMH to see if they might play a role to help deal with immediate medication needs.

Updates from T-HSJCC and Provincial HSJCC

- Provincial HSJCC is coordinating its 2015 Conference

Actions

- Domenica Dileo to send court innovation link to Asha Maharaj.
- Katie Almond will get someone from MCSCS to update the committee at the next meeting.

Next Meeting:

November 6, 2014

8:30 a.m. -10 a.m.

Old City Hall, 60 Queen St. West, Room 14
Presentation: Ryan Fritsch – LAO Mental Health Strategy