

## MINUTES

### Hamilton Local Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee

**Thursday, February 27, 2020, 12:15 p.m. (Lunch)  
12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m. (Meeting)**

**CMHA Office Building, 131 John St. S, Third Floor Board Room**

#### Membership:

Satar Wahidi - COAST - Co-chair	✓	Joyce Nyamadi - Choices	✓
Tyler Benn - CMHA - Co-chair	✓	Karen McLeod - SJHH ACTT2	✓
Alison Hibbett – Bethesda (Mat Leave)	R	Katryna McKenna - Bethesda	✓
Amanda Richardson – SJHH COAST	✓	Keri Zammit - HWDC	✓
Andrew McLean - Crown Attorney	✓	Kimberly McCallum - GP	R
Angela Ethelston - Bethesda	✓	Kristen Emery - DSO	R
Angela Isoki - Correctional Service	R	Lenore Lukasik-Foss - Barrett Centre	✓
Barb Benedict/Liane Taylor - SJHH Forensics Program	✓	Lina Caruso - Probation & Parole	✓
Ben Millard - SJHH CTO Coordinator	R	Lisa Gajewicz - John Howard Society	✓
Carrie Collier	R	Lisa Whittingham	R
Cathy Serra	✓	Martha Harvie - DSO	✓
Danielle Newton - Contact Hamilton	R	Michal Siekierski - SJHH Schizophrenia Service	R
Donna DeJong - John Howard Society	R	Michelle Semonovitch - Mental Health Outreach Program	✓
Ethan Stepho - SJHH PES	✓	Pete Wiesner - HPS	✓
Fanis Juma-Radstake - Hamilton Bridge	R	Rachel Lamont - SJHH Psychiatrist	✓
Gene Uchida - ABI Program	R	Ruth Greenspan - John Howard Society	R
Greg Melnik - SJHH ACTT2	✓	Samantha Harding - Good Shepherd	R
Heather Saunders - SJHH CSIS	R	Sandra Kurdziel - Social Navigation Program	✓
Helen Harris - SJHH Healthlinks	R	Sarah Fuller - SJHH RAAM Clinic	R
Ian Lockett - Bethesda	✓	Sue Phipps - CMHA	R
Jennifer Johnston - HWDC	✓	Susan Boyd - ADGS	R
Jessica Montana - Aboriginal Court Worker	R	Todd Norman - Crown Attorney	R
Jillian Collins - ONWA	R	Sherry Lewis – COAST - Recorder	✓

- **Welcome and Introductions**

- Tyson welcomed everyone and had everyone introduce themselves and the agency they are representing

- **Review and Adoption of Minutes – January 23, 2020**

- Minutes were approved by Sandra Kurdziel and seconded by Satar Wahidi

- **Additions to the Agenda**
  - Relocating the HSJCC Local meeting
    - Possibly 400 Rymal Road or at central on King William
    - Parking at Rymal is not an issue
    - Parking at Central may be difficult to find – paid parking lots and meters available in the area
    - Most prefer Central
    - Pete Wiesner will arrange and let us know about the arrangements
  
- **How the Crown/Court Deals with Risk Assessments – Andrew McLean**
  - Section 21 & 22 – broad scope as to what would lead to a risk assessment
    - Just needs to have mental health issues
    - For Hamilton, only Dr. Chaimowitz can authorize a request to the judge for a risk assessment
    - Not done more often due to scarcity of resources
    - If authorized, they would be taking up a bed at St. Joe's
    - Only done for upper top end of risk profile only – potential for violence
    - Work closely with St. Joe's on these cases
    - Almost always in custody – people you would be uncomfortable with being released
    - Anyone – Crown or defense – can order the assessments – judge decides
    - Might be a way to get a diagnosis
      - Andrew can help guide anyone as to who to go to or what approach to take
      - St. Joe's is the only hospital that has a forensics program for severe high-risk situations
      - Anything the Crown receives, they have to inform the defense lawyer
      - Can use historical information on the client to decide whether or not to use that tool
  
- **Membership Engagement**
  - Expecting it to grow
  - More people at the table gives more options for clients
  - Looking to change location to central for the next meeting (see "Added to Agenda" above)
  
- **Program Updates**
  - Barrett Centre new peer support program on Thursday evenings 6:30 to 8pm – Mental Health Worker and Crisis Support Worker facilitate
  
- **2020 Hamilton HSJCC Workplan**
  - Submitted the workplan this morning (Feb 27, 2020)
  - Challenging to do

- We'll use it to make sure we're on track
  
- **14<sup>th</sup> Annual Risk & Recovery Forensic Conference**
  - Deadline to register – Feb 28, 2020
  - HSJCC is paying for the registration for about 40 people to attend
  - Extra workshops are at the cost of individuals
  
- **Review of Cases**
  - 11 cases discussed
  - 2 new cases
  - 4 cases closed
  
- **Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, March 26, 2020**  
**Located at Central Police Station Boardroom**