

MINUTES

Hamilton Local Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee

Thursday, June 25, 2020
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting – Details in Meeting Request

Membership:

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

- **Welcome and Introductions**
 - Tyson welcomed everyone
 - New people joined this month – introduced himself & Satar & their roles
- **Review and Adoption of Minutes – May 28, 2020**
 - Attendee list needs to be updated and resent
 - Minutes were approved by Angela Ethelston and seconded by Helen Harris
- **Additions to the Agenda**
 - None

- **HSJCC Youth Services Sub-Committee Discussion**
 - Two years ago, HSJCC created a sub-committee for youth
 - So far, very few youths brought to the table
 - Tyson & Satar suggest ad hoc meetings when needed
 - Satar had been approached about this committee
 - Is there an interest or a need to have a sub-committee?
 - Liane supports an ad hoc committee
 - Since Liane is in support of the ad hoc committee, Satar will let the individual know that going forward, the process for addressing those individuals be that Tyson & Satar will call an ad hoc meeting whenever a youth is being discussed
 - Sub-committee fell apart because couldn't get McMaster to the table – creating a barrier

- **Program Updates**
 - Liane
 - Not much change right now.
 - Continuing to get a lot of fitness referrals
 - Anxious to see what happens with the courts on July 6th
 - Satar
 - As of mid-April, back to business as usual providing outreach services but with full PPE for both MCRRT and COAST
 - Calls for service are very high – spiked the last 2 weeks for both phone support and face to face
 - Media in relation to police has created some challenges
 - Statements CAMH made sparked a different conversation around it
 - More challenging because we work so closely with the police
 - Gene – ABI Program
 - Accepting referrals
 - Outpatient clinics open but physicians doing appointments by phone
 - Inpatient units closed to community admissions – only accepting admissions from acute care units
 - Outreach is working virtually, as well
 - Expecting to be going out to the community in a couple of weeks
 - Sandra – Social Navigator
 - Same as it has been
 - Focusing on those sleeping rough on the street
 - Ethan - PES
 - Implemented a virtual clinic supporting individuals post discharge from PES
 - Risk assessments, appointments, referrals to agencies
 - Follow up with medications
 - Touching base through telephone or video conference
 - Supporting individuals from the community
 - Dr. Parthasarathi - PES

- Engaging patients before they're coming in
- Reduced EMS
- Trying to change to voluntary admissions instead of involuntary admissions
- Trying to figure out how the next phase will turn out
- Numbers are going up in PES right now
- Much more complex patients
- Much more need
- Exaggeration of behaviors because of what's happening with the police
- Happy to be part of the committee
- Angela - Bethesda
 - Continuing to work remotely from home
 - Accepting new referrals
 - Business as usual but all virtually
 - Not too much has changed
- Andrew - Crown
 - July 6th there will be a resumption of some trial matters
 - Criminal and family only right now
 - Everything being done virtually until now, will continue for the time being
 - Some things may never come back to the court
 - Safety assessment being done by health Ontario to see if the plan they have will work
 - Congrats to Andrew with move to Acting Deputy Crown as well as being responsible for Mental Health related cases
 - Todd Norman (Crown Attorney for the last 4 years) taking over regional director role on an acting basis
- Helen Harris – Hospital to Home
 - Resuming some face to face business
 - Critical to have that engagement
 - Will continue to do some work by phone individually
 - Going through some staff changes
 - Trying to recruit for a couple of people who are leaving
 - Increase in referrals and complexity of cases
- Karen McLeod – ACT2
 - Things are still in place but starting to have more face to face meetings using appropriate precautions
 - Overall numbers hadn't changed
 - By end of next week will be seeing each of their clients at least once a week
- Ian Lockett – Bethesda
 - Angela already discussed
- Jessica Aubertin – Barrett Centre
 - New to committee this month
 - Limited number of beds down from 15 to 11
 - 5 safe-beds for police partners now limited to 2

- Have flexibility with offering crisis beds, if they're available, to increase the number of safe-beds
- Still operating as usual
- Still have their 24-hour crisis line
 - Changed face to face to 1 hour phone meetings
- Lenore Lukasik-Foss – Barrett Centre
 - Brief quiet blip at the beginning
 - Never shut down
 - Things are a bit busier now
 - Length of calls have increased – more challenging
 - Crisis calls are up
 - Some days busy and some days quiet – not sure why

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- Lisa – John Howard
 - Seems to be working well remotely
 - Return to work plan to be back in the office in August
 - Not much has changed - all programs are running but remotely
- Tyson - CMHA
 - Provincial network – met Tuesday
 - The Local and Regional HSJCC Evaluated Workplans from 2019-2020 are due August 1st
 - Tyson is working on them right now and will send them to the committee for feedback
 - Liability insurance for organizations
 - A few insurance providers that cover various long-term care homes, mental health organizations, social services, etc.
 - Due to significant claims in May, they have written a pandemic clause into the policies that nothing related to the pandemic will not be covered
 - Put many organizations in vulnerable position because they're not covered for any claims related to COVID 19 – increases liability
 - As a result, CMHA suspended all face to face services until further notice
 - All on hold but expecting it to be resolved tonight
 - Expecting coverage to be extended to June 30th
 - A lot of organizations were affected by this
 - Court program affected by what's happening with the courts
 - Virtual hearings impact their ability to provide services to people in custody
 - Need to reevaluate how they will be able to respond to individuals
 - Now focusing on clients when they are released from custody
 - Creating partnerships with other community services to allow them to find new ways to provide services
 - Expecting this to be a long-term shift
 - Expecting suspension of face to face services to be short-term

- Staff returning to work gradually

- **Review of Cases**

- 9 cases discussed
- 2 new cases
- 4 cases closed

- **Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, June 25, 2020 – 12:30**
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