

Terms of Reference

Human Services Justice Coordinating Committee

Hamilton Local HSJCC

Overall Objective:

Hamilton HSJCC is a committee that is comprised of a dedicated membership from multiple service sectors such as; community services, mental health and addiction services, The Attorney General's Office and Correctional Services. This committee works in partnership to address impending and ongoing concerns of adults and transitional youth with a serious and/or chronic mental illness, developmental disability, dual diagnosis or acquired brain injuries who are considered to be at high risk within the community and/or who have frequent contact with the Criminal Justice System.

Specific Tasks:

1. To discuss and implement strategies using best practices to assist individuals who may not fit in current service delivery options offered through the mental health, developmental disability, acquired brain injury and criminal justice services sectors.
2. To identify gaps in the system and work towards developing innovative strategies to close those gaps.
3. To identify educational needs and offer educational opportunities within the Hamilton area
4. To enhance discharge planning from the criminal justice system into the community and improve access to community resources for this population when necessary.
5. To improve linkages with community stakeholders.
6. To work towards keeping the client/community safe along with respecting clients' rights whenever possible.
7. To be proactive in providing treatment and support for this population, ensuring better outcomes.
8. To develop a case review process, with the goal of providing a more comprehensive and coordinated treatment plan for difficult to service and/or complex clients that are at risk or at risk to others.

Case Review Indicators:

Definition – High Risk:

- Expressing threats to others or themselves
- External stresses (i.e. bedbugs, financial, eviction, CAS addictions, abuse, trauma, PTSD, job loss, stigma, discrimination, being different, psychosis)
- Is violent/aggressive towards others
- Harm to self
- Recent history of violence
- Recently non-collaborative with services
- Deterioration in Mental Health
- Repeated involvement within the criminal justice system
- Frequent indiscriminate contact with a number of service providers but declines to engage in a service plan
- Client has exhausted all available resources in the community, lack of service to meet the client's needs

Referral Criteria:

- at least 3 of the above identified points with a main concern being a risk to self or others in the community
- Complex individuals who frequently come into conflict with the law and mental health system are considered on a case by case basis.
- Cases are reviewed by the Chair and Co-chair and the referrer may be contacted to provide additional information if required

Confidentiality:

- All members are to sign a pledge of confidentiality yearly
- Review Confidentially with all new members
- Review privacy legislation yearly and when there are new changes in the legislation
- Each agency is responsible to ensure that confidentiality is maintained based on governing legislation.

Membership:

Chair: Presently Lori Dunne (LHIN Crisis Services Coordinator)-St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton

Co-Chair: Jill Pollock – Director of Mental Health Court Support Services, CMHA Hamilton

Representation from the following Services:

St. Joseph's Healthcare Programs

- COAST/MCRRT
- Psychiatric Emergency Service
- ACTT 1 & 2
- CTO Coordinator
- Forensic Services
- Schizophrenia Services

Addiction Services

- T.A. Patterson

Criminal Justice System

- Hamilton-Wentworth Detention Center
- Hamilton Police Services
- Probation and Parole
- Youth Probation and Parole
- Crown Attorney

Other Community Agencies

Public Health Outreach Team
CMHA Mental Health Court Support Services
Bethesda – Dual Diagnosis Justice Case Management Team
Acquired Brain Injury Program
Catholic Family Services
Contact Hamilton
Native Women's Services
Banyan Community Services
Hamilton Regional Indian Centre
John Howard Society
Southern Network of Specialized Care
Good Shepherd Services
Barrett Centre
Bridge – Prison to Community Mental Health Rights Coalition