

Terms of Reference

Hamilton Human Services Justice Coordinating Committee

Overall Objective:

A committee with dedicated membership from the Hamilton Community Service Providers, Mental Health Services, The Attorney General's Office and Correctional Services in order to address the ongoing concerns of Adults and Transitional Youth with a Serious Mental Illness, Developmental Disability, Dual Diagnosis or Acquired Brain Injury that are considered 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 practice to assist individuals who fall through the gaps in service delivery between the mental health, developmental disability, acquired brain injury and criminal justice services.
2. To enhance discharge planning from the criminal justice system into the community and improve access to community resources for this population when necessary.
3. To improve linkages with community stakeholders.
4. To work towards keeping the client/community safe along with respecting clients rights whenever possible.
5. To be proactive in providing treatment and support for this population.
6. To develop a case review process, with the goal of providing a more comprehensive and coordinated treatment plan for hard to service complex clients that are at risk or at risk to others.

Case Review Indicators:

Definition – High Risk:

- Expressing threats to others or themselves
- Is violent towards others
- Harm to self
- 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 refuses to engage in a service plan
- Client has exhausted all available resources in the community, lack of service to meet the clients 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

Membership:

Chair: Presently Terry McGurk - COAST
Co-Chair: Dennis DeSalvo - CMHA Hamilton

Representation from the following Services:

COAST
Psychiatric Emergency Service
Hamilton-Wentworth Detention Center
Central Access Coordinator with SJH
Public Health Outreach Team
Schizophrenia Services CMHS
Forensic Services
Hamilton Police Services
CTO Coordinator
CMHA Mental Health Court Support Services
Bethesda – Dual Diagnosis Justice Case Management Team
ACCT 1 & 2
Acquired Brain Injury Program
Probation and Parole
Psychiatrist for Schizophrenia Services
Crown Attorney
Catholic Family Services
Youth Probation and Parole
Contact Hamilton
Native Women’s Services
Banyan Community Services
Hamilton Regional Indian Centre
John Howard Society
Addiction Services
Southern Network of Specialized Care
Good Shepherd Services
Barrett Centre

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