



North York Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee (NY-HSJCC)

Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2018

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Metro North Court Library, 1000 Finch Avenue West

Present: Andrew Graham (Co-chair), Cota; Mary Murphy (Co-chair), Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Riun Shandler, Judiciary; Arthur Stratton, Probation and Parole, Black Creek Office; Sheine Mankovsky, Judiciary; Rose Gan, NYGH; Ashley Andrew, NYGH (Student); Jennifer Rae, Toronto Police Service; Karoline Stelmach-Ksenial, Duty Counsel; Wayne Willis, CHIRS; Jennifer Derbyshire, NYGH; V. Dudarin # 9001, MCIT; Scott Gilbert, Toronto Police Service; Brian Smith, Toronto Police Service; John Sconza, Toronto Police Service; Diana Filici, Métis Nation of Ontario; Allison MacPherson, Crown Attorney's Office

Regrets: Tammy Tinney (Co-chair), NYGH; Nirmala Budhram, MCSCS; Debbie Lynch, CTYS

Welcome and Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves.

Review of November 2, 2018 minutes

Minutes were approved.

Presentation: Roberto Laschi and V. Dudarin on MCIT

- Slide decks will be circulated to members
- MCIT stands for Mobile Crisis Intervention Team. Each team consists of a specially trained police officer and a mental health nurse. Nurse employed by the hospital. Will attend in response to a call from a Priority Response Unit
- Mandate is to: Enhance the quality of service delivered to persons experiencing a MH crisis; provide a secondary response to incoming calls for service, follow-up, and referrals; remove the individual from serious harm to themselves or others; make an immediate on site clinical assessment of the person in crisis; and arrange appropriate mental health treatment through referral or apprehension under the MH Act.
- Operates seven days a week from 11 a.m. and as late as 9p.m.
- Do not lay charges, priority is to keep people in the community

- Themes Discussed – If there is an assault due to MH can MCIT express opinion not to press charges? It was suggested when issuing a Form 2 that individuals/family members involved to go with the client to the hospital because this can provide context when Doctor assesses the patient to improve outcome.
- Can there be a mechanism regarding how to provide feedback to police and/or JP addressing Form 2 situations? It was suggested to bring lack of Form 2 feedback mechanism to the Toronto Regional HSJCC for further input.
- Robert and Dudarin were thanked for their informative presentation

Presentation: Superintendent Scott Gilbert and Officer Brian Smith on Focus Table

- Slide decks will be distributed to the members
- A collaborative risk-driven approach to community safety and well-being
- Acute Elevated Risk (AER) Situations – is a reference to any situation impinging on individuals, families, groups or places where circumstances indicate an extremely high probability of the occurrence of harms or victimization.
- FOCUS Situation Tables at the Local Level – brings together the most appropriate community agencies at a weekly situation table to provide a targeted, wrap around approach to the most vulnerable individuals, families and places that are experiencing heightened levels of risk in a specific geographic location.
- FOCUS Toronto – supports local situation tables with coordination, administration and special tools that strengthen outcomes for vulnerable populations.
- FOCUS Toronto Steering Committee – provides strategic oversight of the operations of the FOCUS Toronto
- How does it work? A multi-agency team meets once a week to identify individuals, groups and places that are at high risk. The first element of response happens between 0-48 hours following a meeting.
- Scott and Brian were thanked for their informative presentation

Action Items Follow-up

Were reviewed and completed

Lunch and Learns

- The Lunch and Learn webinar on Cannabis will take place on February 1, 2018. Invites have been sent. Webinar registration was full within 2 hours.
- It was agreed to have the next Lunch and Learn on MCIT and /or FOCUS Tables in March. Domenica Dileo will follow up with logistics.

Review 2017-2018 Workplan

Reviewed the 2017-2018 workplan, which was circulated prior to the meeting. What have we accomplished? What is outstanding? What have we learned? What do we want to change as we move forward? It was acknowledged that we achieved our objectives.

Lunch and Learns webinar are successful. Continue to welcome new members. No new changes were identified. There was support to continue with the regular five meetings and three Lunch and Learn webinars. Continue with the TTC and food voucher. No changes to the budget were suggested. Domenica Dileo will circulate the 2018-2019 workplan to include the feedback and circulate to members for final input and will be approved at the next meeting in March.

Agency/Organization Updates

Diana Filici informed the committee on the Métis Nation of Ontario restorative justice project. Members were interested in a future presentation on the project.

Andrew Graham reported that Dr. Gojer is leaving his role at Cota. Dr. Maxym Choptiany will be able to do MH diversion assessments. Can his hours expand? Full day instead of ½ day?

Service Co-ordination Issues

None

Updates from the T-HSJCC and P-HSJCC

- Next meeting for the T-HSJCC is February 12, 2018

Presenter for next meeting: Community Justice Centre – Justice Riun Shandler will follow-up.

Actions:

- Justice Riun Shandler, will find out whether MAG can present at the March 1st meeting on the Community Justice Centre
- Domenica Dileo will follow-up on the March Lunch and Learn webinar logistics and circulate presentation slide decks

Next Meeting: March 1, 2018 from 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. at Metro North Court Library, 1000 Finch Avenue, West