



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

### **Meeting Minutes**

**March 7, 2019**

**1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**Metro North Court Library, 1000 Finch Avenue West**

**Present:** Tammy Tinney (Co-chair), NYGH; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Riun Shandler, Judiciary; Dina Zalkind, Duty Counsel; Andrew Graham, Cota; J.W. (student) NYGH; Kiera Royle, Eva's Satellite; Allison Arenburg, VWAP; Jennifer Rae, Toronto Police Service; Robyn Keystone, Literal Change; Martha Jodhan, Literal Change

**Regrets:** Arthur Stratton (Co-chair), Probation and Parole, Black Creek Office; Mary Murphy (Co-chair) Defence Counsel; Scott Skinner, Toronto Network of Specialized Care; Wayne Willis, CHIRS; Sheine Mankovsky, Judiciary; Alison Mastenbroek, Toronto Bail Program

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Everyone introduced themselves.

### **Review of January 10, 2019 minutes**

Minutes were approved with the following amendment; Karolina Stelmach-Kseniak was present representing Legal Aid Ontario not Dina Zalkind.

### **Review Action Items:**

Reviewed and completed.

### **Presentation:** Robyn Keystone and Martha Jodhan from Literal Change

- Literal Change was approached by the Crown Attorney's Office to provide remedial literacy support for young people who came into contact with the law.
- Provide remedial literacy at the Toronto South Detention Centre and Toronto East Detention Centre. Using one-on-one approach. They have 20 volunteers frequenting the facilities on a regular basis.
- In September 2018 they launched a youth literacy program at Jane and Finch
- Piloted project showed the need and effectiveness of the program
- Literacy program has been part of diversion for youth by removing charges
- Methodology – individualized, multi-sensory approach
- Literacy program can help with educational outcomes and incarceration

- Use Orton Gillingham approach to literacy
- Video of their work with students was viewed
- Themes discussed: Can the program be built through probation?

Robyn and Martha were thanked for their informative and interactive presentation

### **Lunch and Learns**

Domenica Dileo reported on the *Understanding the Impacts of Trauma* Lunch and Learn session held on February 14, Twenty-eight people attended the session from the courthouse, 145 registered for the webinar and 59 attendees. It was successful, and the feedback was positive.

Many people were interested in continuing the discussion on *Understanding the Impacts of Trauma*. PART 2 with Kathryn Mettler, MSW will be held during March. The format for this session will be consultation style. Participants will have the opportunity to bring case scenarios, questions and/or situations that can be explored using trauma informed principles. More information to follow.

### **Approval of Workplan 2019-2020**

Tammy Tinney agreed on the motion to approve the workplan 2019-2020, it was second by Dina Zalkind. Committee members unanimously approved the workplan 2019/20.

It was reported that the Toronto Regional HSJCC approved the requested budget for the courthouse:

TTC Tokens: \$500  
 Food Vouchers: \$500  
 Lunch & Learns webinar \$2,140  
 Honorarium: \$480  
 Total budget: \$3,620

### **Agency/Organization Updates**

- Dina Zalkind reported that females are going to 2201 Finch Avenue Courthouse for bail.
- Jennifer Rae reported that she spoke with staff at the Humber River Hospital re attending the NY-HSJCC meeting, She will send the person's name to Domenica to send them a welcome package. Jennifer was thanked for her initiative.
- Tammy Tinney reported that NYG Branson site Adult Mental Health and Addicton Program is moving during the next year to 2 Champain Drive

### **Service Co-ordination Issues**

None

### **Updates from the T-HSJCC and P-HSJCC**

Domenica Dileo reported that the provincial conference is taking place November 4-6<sup>th</sup>, 2019: Colouring Outside the Lines, more information to follow. The next T-HSJCC meeting will take place on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**Presenter for the next meeting:** Domenica Dileo will follow up with Sheryl Lindsay, Aboriginal Mental Health & Addiction Services Coordinator at the Anishnawbe Health Centre.

**Actions:**

- Domenica will contact Sheryl Lindsay for next meeting presentation.
- Domenica Dileo to follow up on the logistics for the next Lunch and Learn webinar on Understanding the Impacts of Trauma Part 2 taking place during March

**Next Meeting:** May 2, 2019 from 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. at Metro North Court Library, 1000 Finch Avenue, West.