



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

Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2015

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Metro North Court Library, 1000 Finch Avenue West

Present: Andrew Graham (Co-chair), Cota; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Sarah Haslip, T.A. Patterson; Justice Jack Grossman; Wayne Willis, CHIRS; Arthur Stratton, Probation and Parole, Black Creek Office; Daniel DeSantis, Crown Attorney's Office; Lynda Lingard, Toronto Bail Program; Tammy Tinney, NYG; Georgia Kenlis, Duty Counsel

Regrets: Susan Adams (Co-chair) Defense Counsel; Debbie Lynch, CTYS, New Outlook; NYG; Amir Butt, Toronto Police Service; Sheila Cressman, Crown Attorney's Office; Michael Story, Duty Counsel; Diana Korn-Hassani, Toronto Police Service; Jessica Lee, CMHA; Bob Speakman, Salvation Army

Welcome and Introductions

- Everyone introduced themselves.

Review of March 5, 2015, minutes

- The minutes were approved.

Business Arising from the Minutes

- Domenica Dileo reported on the new information that Arthur Stratton provided from the ministry newsletter. It had an article about a new initiative “ the Community Reintegration Planning Project”, which was launched in January 2014. The project's goal is to coordinate an offender's return to the community with supports to maximize their success. It includes discharge planning for everyone in custody. Domenica Dileo asked the T-HSJCC for input about the new project and was informed that the implementation of the project has been slow. Will monitor the situation. Duty Counsel reported that people leaving the Detention Centre have no meds and can't go home to get their meds because of bail conditions. Challenges to link people to get medications.
- Suggestion was made to connect with the pharmacy at Steeles and Sheppard. Doctor is also on site. Correction policy is to have a doctor on pharmacy site to send prescription to.
- Nirmala Budhram from the TSDC is not able to present today. It was suggested that she be invited to present at the next NY-HSJCC meeting. Andrew Graham will invite her. Tammy Tinney, Social Worker from North York General presented.
- For the September meeting it was agreed to have Voices from the Street present

Lunch and Learns

- The Fitness Hearings Lunch and Learn with Susan Adams and Michael Feindel that took place on March 30th was a success. The courthouse was full -- about 45 people attended the session. It was video recorded and shared with the Local HSJCC and the PHSJCC.
- It was suggested the next topic be the Reintegration Centre.
- Domenica Dileo will follow-up.
- Second topic on Refugee Law and Mental Health Justice. Andrew Graham will follow up on a speaker.

Presentation: Tammy Tinney, Social Worker, Mental Health and Justice Treatment and Support Services NYG. She will replace Scot Hodge on the committee. He is retiring this June.

- Multi Disciplinary Team, serving the GTA area but priority given to North York residents
- Eligible to be seen in a non-custodial setting
 - Provide outpatient services.
- Have two part-time psychiatrists and social workers. Hours of operation: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Eligibility – eighteen years and older, with OHIP, involvement with the justice system, mental health and or concurrent issues
- Referral form was circulated
- Provide psychiatric and psychosocial assessments
- Have the capacity and willingness to participate in the program in outpatient clinic
- Anger management support groups (eight weeks sessions)
- Housing support, intensive case management services
- Individual and family counselling
- No cost for programs
- Self referral accepted

Agency/Organization Updates

None

Service Coordination Issues

- No issues reported

Updates from the T-HSJCC and P-HSJCC

- P-HSJCC Save the Date Conference information was sent. It will take place November 16 – 18, 2015 in Toronto.
- Domenica Dileo informed the committee that the T-HSJCC is looking at a criteria to distribute subsidy for the PHSJCC conference and ask people for a show of hands of those who would not be able to attend the conference unless they receive a subsidy. Four people said that they would not be able to attend unless they had subsidy

Actions

- Andrew Graham will research a presenter for the Refugee Law and Mental Health Lunch and Learn session.
- Domenica Dileo will invite Voices from the Street to present at the next meeting.
- Domenica Dileo will contact the Reintegration Centre to plan a Lunch and Learn

Next Meeting

September 10, 2015

1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

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Presenter – Voices from the Street