



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

Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2016

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Metro North Court Library, 1000 Finch Avenue West

Present; Andrew Graham (Co-chair), Cota; Tammy Tinney, NYG; Riun Shandler, Judiciary; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Sheila Cressman, Crown Attorney's Office; Rebecca Paonessa, Salvation Army; Karoline Stelmach-Ksenial, Duty Counsel; Kaitlin Maynard, T.A. Patterson & Associates Inc.

Regrets; Jennifer Kasha, CMHA; Arthur Stratton, Probation and Parole, Black Creek Office; Sabrina Cocuzza, Toronto Bail Program

Welcome and Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves. Karolina Stelmach-Kseniak who is replacing Michael Story from Duty Counsel was welcomed.

Review of May 5, 2016 minutes

Minutes were approved.

Action Items Follow-up

- Andrew Graham informed the committee that Susan Adams has resigned as Co-chair due to employment changes. She is now working as an Assistant Crown Attorney. Susan was thanked for her contribution and leadership to the NY-HSJCC.
- For the Co-chair replacement it was agreed to contact the criminal defense association. Sheila Cressman will follow-up.

Lunch and Learns

Domenica reported on the May 30th Lunch and Learn webinar. It was successful. The topic was Legal and Psychosocial Perspectives on Immigration and Refugee Law. Cross-sectoral representation attended the session. The feedback was positive. Twenty-seven attended from the courthouse and 29 offsite.

The committee reviewed the Lunch and Learn topics. The topics of interest are Cultural Competency and available Resources for Sex Offenders given that CAMH has a long waitlist. Discussion ensued about Cultural Competency. Members decided

to put on hold the cultural competency topic until we identify specific areas we want to address.

However, related to this trauma informed practices was identified as an area people are interested for a January Lunch and Learn session.

- It was agreed to contact the Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture about a trauma informed presentation addressing early childhood trauma on the refugee population. Domenica Dileo will follow-up.
- Dr. Flora Matheson is a medical sociologist and prison health specialist. Robin Cuff is the Manager of the Toronto Drug Treatment Court Program. The present on trauma informed practices. Domenica Dileo will follow up with them regarding themes they cover for trauma informed session.

Discussion ensued about the lack of services for sex offenders. CAMH has services but the wait time is high. Andrew to get clarity on the criteria that Cota uses with sex offenders. Members suggested we consult with Dr. Julian A.C. Gojer regarding what area a Lunch and Learn session on sex offenders can cover. Andrew Graham will follow-up.

Lunch and Learn schedule – have one in January and second one in February. It was agreed to finalize the Lunch and Learn topics at the November 3rd meeting.

Presentation – Tammy Tinney, NYG, Mental Health and Justice Treatment and Support Services (MHJTSS)

Presentation slide decks were distributed and will be circulated with the meeting minutes.

- MHJTSS is a short-term outpatient mental health program located at NYGH Branson site. Provides case management, social work, and psychiatric support for individuals who have been charged or convicted of an offence who need mental health/psychiatric assessment, support, and treatment provided safely out of custody.
- Has three main programs: Court Support, Housing and Intensive Case Management.
- Only the court support program has a designated psychiatrist for support.
- Do not accept self-referrals. A referral form for the court support program can be found on their website at <http://www.nygh.on.ca/Default.aspx?cid=1195&lang=1>
- Eligibility criteria: Referral form completed, valid OHIP, adults between 18-65 years old, MH concern but no MH diagnosis is required. Current involvement with criminal justice system, voluntary program, reside in the GTA,
- Tammy was thanked for her valuable and informative presentation.

Agency/Organization Updates

- Andrew informed the committee that Across Boundaries expressed interest in joining the HSJCC. They are able to provide peer support on the committee.
- It was suggested that we further discuss including peer support. It was agreed to get input from other HSJCC locals about their process to include people with lived experience. Domenica Dileo and Andre Graham to follow-up.
- Becky reported on the Salvation Army. They provide anger management support in a group or one-on-one for people with ADHD, impulsivity issues etc.

Service Co-ordination Issues

Andrew Graham will look at Cota's criteria for programs for sex offenders.

Updates from the T-HSJCC and P-HSJCC

- Next meeting for the T-HSJCC is October 7, 2016
- P-HSJCC is working on a new website. More information to follow.

Presenter for next meeting – HSJCC locals member to discuss people with lived experience membership.

Actions:

- Sheila Cressman to contact the criminal defense association to inform them about the vacant Co-chair position
- Domenica Dileo will follow up with Dr. Flora I. Matheson, Robin Cuff and the Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture regarding themes they cover for trauma informed Lunch and Learn session
- Andrew Graham will follow- up with Dr. Julian A.C. Gojer input on sex offenders Lunch and Learn session
- Andrew Graham will follow up on Cota's criteria for sex offenders
- Domenica Dileo and Andrew Graham will follow up on speaker for next meeting from other locals.

Next Meeting

November 3, 2016 from 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. at Metro North Court Library, 1000 Finch Avenue, West