



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

Meeting Minutes

November 3, 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; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Anna Stanford, Crown Attorney's Office; Rebecca Paonessa, Salvation Army; Karoline Stelmach-Ksenial, Duty Counsel; Kaitlin Maynard, T.A. Patterson & Associates Inc.; Arthur Stratton, Probation and Parole, Black Creek Office; Sheine Mankovsky, Judiciary; Diana Korn, Toronto Police Service; Mary Murphy, Defense Counsel; Wayne Willis, CHIRS; Susan Davis, Gerstein Centre

Regrets: Riun Shandler, Judiciary; Nirmala Budhram, MCSCS; Debbie Lynch, CTYS

Welcome and Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves. Mary Murphy and Anna Stanford were welcomed to the committee. Anna is replacing Sheila Cressman from the MAG's office.

Review of September 8, 2016 minutes

Minutes were approved.

Action Items Follow-up

- Domenica Dileo reported on the topics for future Lunch and Learns. The committee was interested in a Trauma informed topic for January.
- The Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture are able to provide a presenter but want to make sure that the committee is interested in trauma education from a refugee perspective.
- Andrew Graham reported that Dr. Gojer and/or company is able to present on vicarious trauma/burnout among staff providing services – Keeping Sane in the Midst of Insanity.
- Sheila Cressman contacted the Criminal Defense Association and Mary Murphy is interested in joining the committee.

Lunch and Learns

- Discussion ensued about a January and early March Lunch and Learn. It was agreed that we go ahead with a Trauma theme for both Lunch and Learns. One with Dr. Gojer on boundaries /burnout/vicarious trauma among service

providers and childhood trauma with the Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture.

Presentation: Susan Davis, Executive Director of the Gerstein Centre and Downtown Toronto HSJCC Co-chair - People with Lived Experience Local HSJCC 's Process.

- Susan Davis provided background on the Gerstein Centre. It opened 27 years ago by Dr. Reva Gerstein, psychologist, to meet the need to provide support for people experiencing a mental health crisis. It is a 24-hour community based mental health crisis service for adults 16 years and older dealing with mental health issues, concurrent or substance use issues and are currently in crisis. Have the following programs: Telephone Crisis Intervention, Mobile Crisis Team, Substance Use Crisis Management and Follow-up Team, Short Term Residential Crisis Beds, Mental Health and Justice short Term Residential Crisis Beds.
- The Gerstein Centre from its inception worked in collaboration with peers. Have peers and family members at all levels of the organization. Currently having peers and or/ family members involved in an organizations has become best practices.
- Susan provided the process that the Downtown HSJCC went through regarding the inclusion of people with lived experience on the committee. The committee had discussion about conflict of interest from the legal and /or private sector perspective. They reviewed the Terms of Reference to address conflict of interest if someone has issues before the court; redefined the role of the Co-chairs. She provided past examples that the committee dealt with. For example, a member had a child going through the mental health and justice system. As a result the committee worked out how to deal with this. Important to keep people engaged. Had Voices from the Street present. They have a leadership program for people with lived experience; people who complete the leadership program can be referred to join the DT-HSJCC. Discussed the importance of having more than one member with lived experience on the committee.
- Suggested that it is important for the committee to have consensus as to whether to include people with lived experience
- The committee revised their Terms of Reference to reflect the committee's direction to include people with lived experience and address conflict of interest. Co-chairs provide support if needed to members.
- Members from the justice sector discussed that they have a mechanism if there is a conflict of interest that can defer the case to someone else.
- New DT-HSJCC Conflict of Interest Clause was read:
 - A conflict of interest may occur when a member may have an opportunity to benefit personally/privately from their membership or participation in the group. Some examples relevant to the HSJCC may

- be: selling products/services for personal or professional gain, recruiting clients for profit-generating services, using information gained through the committee for purposes other than which it was shared, participating in decision making that will benefit you or a personal relationship without declaring your personal interest.
- If you have a current matter before any courthouse, inform the Co-chairs
 - If you have a matter before the courts you do not discuss it at the HSJCC meetings.
- The committee realized that the benefit to have people with lived experience at the table would waive the possible challenges.
 - It was also acknowledged that the Scarborough and West Toronto HSJCCs have gone through a similar process and revised their Terms of Reference to include people with lived experience.
 - Susan Davis was thanked for her valuable and informative presentation.

The committee agreed to continue to have more education and discussion at the next meeting. Domenica Dileo to add this to the agenda items.

Agency/Organization Updates

- Tammy Tinnery reported that NYG has a new psychiatrist, Dr. Cabalo. Who is starting with seeing two clients per week. Please note that they have a waitlist for this service.
- Rebecca Paonessa informed the committee that they are in need of shoes, socks and men's jackets for clients. If you are able to donate these items please let her know. Donated items will be kept at the courthouse .

Service Co-ordination Issues

None

Updates from the T-HSJCC and P-HSJCC

- Next meeting for the T-HSJCC is December 16, 2016
- P-HSJCC is working on a new website. More information to follow.

Presenter for next meeting – Addiction Counsellor from Cota

Actions:

Domenica to add people with lived experience discussion to the agenda item
 Andrew Graham to invite Addiction Counsellor to present at the next meeting
 Domenica Dileo to follow-up on the next Lunch and Learn

Next Meeting

January 26, 2017 from 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. at Metro North Court Library, 1000 Finch Avenue, West