



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

Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2019

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Metro North Court Library, 1000 Finch Avenue West

Present: Tammy Tinney (Co-chair), NYGH; Arthur Stratton (Co-chair), Probation and Parole, Black Creek Office; Mary Murphy (Co-chair) Defence Counsel; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Riun Shandler, Judiciary; Dina Zalkind, Duty Counsel; Andrew Graham, Cota; J.W. (student) NYGH; Kiera Royle, Eva's Satellite; Scott Skinner, Toronto Network of Specialized Care; Wayne Willis, CHIRS; Laura Van Harmelen, CMHA Toronto

Regrets: Sheine Mankovsky, Judiciary; Alison Mastebroek, Toronto Bail Program

Welcome and Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves.

Review of March 7, 2019 minutes

Minutes were approved with the following amendment; Anna Stanford was present from the Crown Attorney's Office.

Review Action Items:

Reviewed and completed.

Presentation: Sheryl Lindsay from Aboriginal Mental Health & Addiction Services Coordinator from the Anishnawbe Health Centre was unable to present. Scott Skinner provided a brief summary of what he learned from her presentation at the Downtown Toronto HSJCC meeting this morning.

The RAAM offers support to Indigenous community members who are living with alcohol, opioid or other substance use issues. The program will offer assessment of substance use issues, access to addiction medications (opiate replacement and anti-alcohol craving) and ongoing community support. Nurse Practitioner is part of the team, including doctor and psychiatrist.

The program has walk - in hours: Monday 9-12, Wednesdays and Thursdays 1-4pm at the Charles St. location. If you have a client that you think might be

interested, but cannot come during walk-in hours, or may need additional support getting to the program then please email or call Sheryl.

Sheryl's contact information is slindsay@ahh.ca or 416-657-0379. Their aim is for the program to be as accessible as possible.

Can provide referral letter re: the scope of the program, can take referral from detention centres as part of discharge planning, no waitlist, have two mobile case managers. Clients can be referred to internal programs such as primary care, no catchment area but population specific, identity is based on self-identification, use both western and traditional healing practices.

Lunch and Learns

Topics for future sessions were discussed. They are: Domestic Sex Trafficking, Trauma Part 2, Autism, Aging Population. Mary Murphy will follow up with Vivian Ropchan, lawyer whether she can present at a June Lunch and Learn.

Agency/Organization Updates

- Andrew Graham reported that Cota has five Release Planners at Toronto South Detention Centre (TSDC)
- Discussed having a tour of the TSDC. Anyone interested contact Andrew for more information.
- Dina Zalkind reported that there is Duty Council at TSDC.
- Laura Van Harmelen reported that CMHA received additional funding to increase the Mental Health and Justice police access beds from four to twelve. Construction will start soon. They are conducting a research project to determine whether 30 day stay should continue at the safe beds or move to a 15 day stay.
- Tammy reported that more patients are asked to pay a fee to transfer their file to access a doctor. It was agreed to bring this concern to the Toronto Regional HSJCC meeting.
- Dian Zalkind reported that there is significant budget cuts to LAO. She will share updates with the committee.

Service Co-ordination Issues

None

Updates from the T-HSJCC and P-HSJCC

Domenica Dileo reported that the provincial conference is taking place November 4-6th, 2019: Colouring Outside the Lines, more information to follow. The next T-HSJCC meeting will take place on May 8th, 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.
- Mary Murphy will contact Vivian Ropchan to present at a Lunch and Learn on the legal perspective of Dementia.

Next Meeting: September 12, 2019 from 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. at Metro North Court Library, 1000 Finch Avenue, West.