



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

Meeting Minutes

September 12, 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; Wayne Willis, CHIRS; Laura Van Harmelen, CMHA Toronto; Sheryll Smith, NPower; Sheila Cressman, Crown Attorney's Office, Rose Gan, NYGH

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

Welcome and Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves.

Review of May 2, 2019 minutes

Minutes of May 2 were approved.

Review Action Items:

Reviewed and completed.

Members evaluation summary was circulated prior to the meeting. Overall, the feedback was positive.

Medical Files Transfer Fee Survey:

Domenica reported that 17 members completed the survey from four locals and one regional table.

The following question was asked: Have your patients/clients experienced payment to transfer their medical files in order to access medical care?

From the respondents we had a large range 30- 70 clients in the last 12 months had to pay a fee to see a new family doctor for their transfer.

Survey results will be brought to the regional table for discussion. It was noted that hospital to hospital file transfer do not charge a fee.

Presentation: NPower Canada with Sheryll Smith

NPower Canada launches youth (18-29) into meaningful IT/Digital careers by providing free technical and professional training, paid internships, job placement

and post hire support. NPower Canada currently offers two different training streams in three locations across the GTA (downtown Toronto, York Region and Peel Region) and in Calgary, Alberta. They work with the mental health and addictions communities.

The program is free and runs for 15-weeks.

Eligibility: Participants must be finished high school, demonstrate financial needs, may have criminal records, mental health and or addiction issues, are legally able to work in Canada, have strong English language proficiency, are unemployed/underemployed, are motivated to find work.

The customer services digital program is only offered in Toronto.

These programs are funded by industry, mainly RBC and United Way. NPower is a non-profit organization.

Graduates' certificates are accepted worldwide.

90% of participants have work after graduation.

Offer support for 5 years after getting a job.

Sheryll contact information is: Sheryll.Smith@npowercanada.ca

Sheryll was thanked for an interactive and informative presentation.

Lunch and Learns

Topics for future sessions were discussed. They are: Domestic Sex Trafficking, Trauma part 2, Cannabis and Methamphetamine, Autism, and Aging Population/Dementia. It was agreed that the next Lunch and Learn topic will be Domestic Sex Trafficking. Domenica will follow up on the logistics.

Agency/Organization Updates

- Tammy Tinney reported that NYG Hospital, Mental Health and Justice Treatment and Support Services are narrowing their criteria due to the lengthy waitlist. They are no longer taking referrals from case managers, doctors or hospitals. Catchment area only the GTA.
- Will not take referrals if one has ADHD, substance use issues, sexually related offences will be reviewed on case by case basis.
- They are taking referrals only for people connected to the justice system.
- Dina Zalkind reported that due to the significant Legal Aid budget cuts services have changed. Courtroom 301, 302, 303 no longer has a Duty Counsel. They are doing a financial test, if one does not qualify they can only provide advise. Private Counsel are not paid for bail hearing; Duty Counsel are now doing most of them.
- Laura Van Harmelen reported that CMHA is in the process of building more safe beds. The four safe beds are not utilized by police and/or MCIT. Exploring engagement options.
- Justice Riun Shandler informed the committee that the courthouse has psychiatrist for fitness testing.

Service Co-ordination Issues

None

Updates from the T-HSJCC and P-HSJCC

Domenica 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 October 16th 2019. Conference subsidy are still available.

Presenter for the next meeting: Domenica Dileo will follow up with inviting the Justice Centres

Actions:

- Domenica will contact the Justice Centres 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: November 14, 2019 from 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. at Metro North Court Library, 1000 Finch Avenue, West.