



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

### **Meeting Minutes**

**January 9, 2020**

**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; Chantal Huard, Probation and Parole; Andrew Graham, Cota; Anna Stanford, Crown Attorney's Office; Allison Arenburg, VWAP; Victoria Young, Cota; Sheine Mankovsky, Judiciary; August Bonomo, Toronto Police Service; Jennifer Rae, Toronto Police Service; Scott Skinner, Toronto Network of Specialized Care

**Regrets:** Mary Murphy (Co-chair) Defense Counsel; Alison Mastenbroek, Toronto Bail Program; Laura Van Harmelen, CMHA Toronto; Rose Gan, NYGH; Wayne Willis, CHIRS; Christi Patterson, Probation and Parole

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Everyone introduced themselves. It was noted that Sheila Cressman is no longer on the membership list.

### **Review of November 14, 2019 minutes**

Minutes of November 14, 2019 were approved by Dina Zalkind, seconded by Chantal Huard.

### **Review Action Items:**

Reviewed and completed.

### **Presentation:** North York's Mental Health & Justice Housing Support Program

with Victoria Young from Cota

- Provides housing support to tenants through scheduled individual visits and coordinated group activities.
- Clients need to have goals to receive rent subsidy and meet with worker once per week.
- Referrals are only accepted from designated priority referral sources which include Mental Health Court Support Services, police, probation/parole services, CAMH-LAMH Program, Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health

Sciences and other designated Mental Health & Justice funded services. Referrals are made through the Access Point.

- Presenters were thanked for an informative and interactive presentation.

### **Co-chair position**

Tammy Tinney reported that Arthur Stratton informed the Co-chairs that he will step down from his Co-chair position when we have a replacement. Dina Zalkind expressed interest in the position. The committee unanimously voted to accept Dina for the Co-chair position.

### **Lunch and Learns**

Domenica reported that she approached the Provincial HSJCC Secretariat to find out if they can provide a platform for the NY-HSJCC Lunch and Learn webinars; OCASI is no longer able to provide their service. There was a successful webinar dry run with the support of the Provincial HSJCC and courthouse IT staff. The next Lunch and Learn will be a webinar format. Presenter(s) will be presenting from the courthouse not off site.

Suggested topics were discussed. They are: Autism, FASD, Probation and Parole Anti- Guns and Gangs perspective, Trauma Informed part 2. It was agreed that the next Lunch and Learn topic will be FASD. Domenica will follow up with the logistics.

### **Legal Aid Changes:**

A discussion about the legal aid changes occurred. Dina Zalkind reported that there will not be further cuts to courtroom 301-303. Bench warrants continue to be an issue.

Domenica Dileo reported that the survey is still in progress. The gaps of LAO changes are felt in the system.

### **Review Workplan for 2019-2020**

What we accomplished and future areas to consider? Who is missing at the table?

Andrew Graham reported that Coat has a new peer support worker who will join the committee. Dina Zalkind will connect with the aboriginal worker to find out if they would like to join the committee.

The \$1200 webinar budget line will not be required because there is no cost for the webinar partnership with the P-HSJCC. It was suggested to allocate this budget line towards TTC tokens and food vouchers.

It was agreed to continue with providing TTC tokens and food vouchers at the courthouse.

### **Terms of Reference**

The committee agreed to include that there is honorarium for people with lived experience.

### **Agency/Organization Updates**

- August Bonomo reported that the Mobile Crisis Intervention Team (MCIT) is piloting a system navigation with Cota at NYG. Cota will provide case management, who will connect with the person in crisis within four hours. If the pilot project is successful, it will expand to 10 teams. The MCIT is now operation at 20 hours. The peak time is 3 pm to 11 pm. Wednesdays and Sundays are the busiest days.
- Allison Arenburg reported that the criminal injury compensation board is not in existence. This means that the compensation for the pain and suffering program is eliminated as well as funds for shock. The criminal injury board is replaced by Victim Quick Response Program.

### **Service Co-ordination Issues**

None

### **Updates from the T-HSJCC and P-HSJCC**

The next Toronto Regional HSJCC meeting will take place on January 22, 2020

**Presenter for the next meeting:** Domenica Dileo will follow up with inviting the Justice Centres and the Toronto Safety Well Being Plan.

### **Actions:**

- Domenica Dileo will contact the Justice Centres and the Toronto Safety Well Being Plan for next meeting presentation.
- Domenica will follow up with the logistics for the next Lunch and Learn webinar on FASD.
- Andrew Graham to invite the courthouse aboriginal worker to join the committee.
- Domenica Dileo will follow up on the logistics for the FASD Lunch and Learn webinar.

**Next Meeting:** March 5, 2020 from 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. at Metro North Court Library, 1000 Finch Avenue, West.