



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

Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2013

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Metro North Court Library, 1000 Finch Avenue West

Present: Stuart Goldman (Co-chair), North York General Hospital; Susan Adams (Co-chair) Sarah Haslip, T.A. Patterson; John Sconza, Toronto Police Service, 32 Division; Diana Korn-Hassin, Toronto Police Service, MCIT Team; Daniel DeSantis, Crown Attorney's Office; Michael Story, Duty Counsel; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC Coordinator; Leslie Pringle, Justice; Lilliana Gallo, Probation & Parole, Jane St. Office; Arthur Stratton, Probation & Parole, Black Creek Office; Jack Grossman, Justice; Wayne Willis, CHIRS; Jessica Lee, CMHA; Rosemary de Simas, CTYS; Andrew Graham, Cota

Regrets: Sheila Cressman, Crown Attorney's Office

Welcome and Introductions

- Everyone introduced themselves.

Review of September 12, 2013 minutes

- The minutes were approved.

Business arising from the minutes

- Justice Leslie Pringle reported that Tony Tersigni, head of security at 1000 Finch courts, will be joining the committee.

Terms of Reference

- This item was tabled to the next meeting

Updates

- Diana Korn-Hassin reported that there was a vote cast at the Central LIHN's to support an MCIT unit in York Region, not at North York General Hospital. The steering committee, which includes members from 33 and 32 Division had recommended an MCIT unit at North York General Hospital. There was no representation from North York General Hospital. The decision was based on who was present; York Region dominated representation at the meeting. The committee expressed concerns about the decision-making process.

- Legal Aid's court fund has been cut, which will impact the student training component with Mental Health and Justice Treatment and Support Services at NYG. It was recommended that NY-HSJCC and individual agencies write letters about their experience and the benefit of the Mental Health and Justice Treatment and Support Services at NYG. It was recommended for Stuart Goldman and Susan Adams to draft a letter on behalf of the NY-HSJCC and send around for feedback.
- Stuart Goldman announced that he is leaving North York General as of December 6, 2013 to become the Director of Mental Health and Addictions at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie. Stuart was thanked for his leadership, commitment, dedication and contribution to enhancing mental health and justice services. He was encouraged to present an update to NY-HSJCC about his endeavor to develop programs for people with MI.
- Andrew Graham from Cota expressed interest in the Co-chair position. Committee members unanimously supported Andrew Graham as the new Co-chair of the NY-HSJCC. Andrew Graham will chair the January 2014 meeting. Domenica Dileo will send a Welcome Package to Andrew Graham.

Presentation – Andrew Graham - Cota

- COTA Health has re-branded to Cota. The organization started as a Community Occupational Therapist Association rehabilitation agency 40 years ago. It has moved to supporting individuals with mental health and cognitive challenges to live well within their communities, using recovery approaches and navigational tools. They have a new referral form. Andrew Graham will send the form to Domenica Dileo for distribution. They have new permanent funding for the ACT team.

Agency Updates

- Domenica Dileo reported that the Justice Collaborative has identified the transitional point to be discharge-planning services, which include coordination, communication between service providers, advocacy, etc., at the front end of the justice system. A working group has been established to further tease out the transitional point.

Lunch and Learns

- Domenica Dileo reported that the next Lunch and Learn will take place on November 18, 2013. Wayne Skinner MSW, RSW, Deputy Director of the Addictions Program at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH), will speak on *Concurrent Disorders: Recovery Approaches to Complex Problems* with Robin Cuff, manager of Drug Treatment Court Services at CAMH. Stuart Goldman will introduce the speakers.

Service Resolution Issues

- Members acknowledged the effectiveness of the Mental Health program at NYGH. The program has an excellent response time and excellent service from the Social Workers.
- Susan Adams asked committee members to comment on the time frame of assessment reports at the courthouse. It was acknowledged that the time frame has improved somewhat but needs continues improvement.
- Rosemary de Simas reported that some of her clients are released from court without medication. It would be helpful to have a standard form with a checklist, including the need for meds or instructions to fax the prescription, when people are released from the courts.
- Re Community Treatment Orders (CTO), NYGH is trying a new initiative to avoid people using Emergency. People are going to Branson site for assessment. Branson site is opened from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If patients need to be restrained they would have to go to NYG.

Updates from the T-HSJCC and P-HSJCC

- The P-HSJCC conference *The Changing World from Youth to Elderly in Human Services and Justice* will take at the Toronto Marriott Eaton Centre, November 25-27, 2013.

Presenter for next meeting

- Jessica Lee from CMHA will present on the Mental Health and Justice Housing Program.

Actions

- Letters in support of the Mental Health and Justice Treatment and Support Services at NYG (include court fund) should be sent to Stuart Goldman and/or Susan Adams.
- Domenica Dileo to send a Welcome Package to Andrew Graham.
- Andrew Graham will send the new Cota referral form to Domenica Dileo for distribution.

Next Meeting:

January 9, 2014

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

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