



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

### **Meeting Minutes**

**January 23, 2014**

**1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**Metro North Court Library, 1000 Finch Avenue West**

**Present:** Susan Adams (Co-chair) Defense Counsel; Andrew Graham (Co-chair), Cota; Michael Story, Duty Counsel; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC Coordinator; Leslie Pringle, Justice; Lilliana Gallo, Probation & Parole, Jane St. Office; Sheila Cressman, Crown Attorney's Office; Chanda Chandalala, CMHA (on behalf of Jessica Lee), Scot Hodge, NYG; Tammy Tinrey, NYG; Robin Adamson, Bartimaeus; Pat Gaughan, Bartimaeus.

**Regrets:** Sarah Haslip, T.A. Patterson; John Sconza, Toronto Police Service, 32 Division; Diana Korn-Hassin, Toronto Police Service, MCIT Team; Jessica Lee, CMHA; Rosemary de Simas, CTYS; Wayne Willis, CHIRS; Arthur Stratton, Probation & Parole, Black Creek Office, Trish Mills, Toronto Police Service. Nancy Blades, Cota.

### **Welcome and Introductions**

- Scot Hodge will be replacing Stuart Goldman on the committee. Tammy Tinrey is a social work student at NYG. Robin Adamson and Pat Gaughan were welcomed.
- Everyone introduced themselves.

### **Review of November 7, 2013 minutes**

- The minutes were approved.

### **Business Arising from the Minutes**

- Susan Adams and Andrew Graham drafted a letter on behalf of the NY-HSJCC committee supporting continuity of care for the NYG Mental Health and Justice Treatment and Support Services. The committee reviewed the letter. It was decided to send the letter to Sandy Marangos, Director of Emergency Services and Mental Health, NYG.
- Susan Adams will remind Tony Tersigni, Head of Security at 1000 Finch Courts, about the committee and hopefully he will attend at future meetings.

### **Terms of Reference**

- This item was deferred to the next meeting. Domenica Dileo will include the Terms of Reference in the next meeting package of materials.

### **Presentation - Chanda Chandalala CMHA, Safe Beds Program**

- The presentation slide deck will be distributed with the minutes.
- Safe Beds provides temporary residential support for people with serious mental illness who are experiencing a crisis. It assists with immediate physical needs and develops long term intervention. 24/7 on site support 365 days is provided for a maximum stay of 30 days.
- It's a voluntary program that accepts two types of clients- generic and mental health involved with the justice system. Clients are referred by priority sources such as the courts, forensic and bail.
- Clients are assessed case by case to determine whether they can be part of the environment. No sexual assaults charges or arsenal charges in the last 5 years to access the safe beds.
- Referral can be done on line or faxed. Google CMHA – Safe Beds to download the application.
- Safe Beds partners with Cota (Scarborough), Reconnect (Etobicoke), Gerstein Centre (Downtown), CMHA (North York).
- There are 39 beds across the Safe beds network, 13 are generic. The average wait list for MH and Justice beds is about 2 weeks.
- Meds are not administered but staff can encourage clients to take them. If bail conditions strongly encourage clients to take meds in writing, it is helpful for safe beds staff to be cognizant of this need. One safe bed is reserved for the police and rotated monthly among the safe beds network.
- When clients are referred, it is helpful to provide a brief history of where they are coming from.
- From safe beds programs, clients can go to transitional housing and stay there for two months to two years while waiting for permanent housing.

### **Updates**

- Diana Korn-Hassin was not able to attend the meeting. She sent an email informing the committee that Division 32 and 33 will be getting an MCIT connect to NYG. It should be ready to go by the end of March 2014. The committee welcomed the news.
- Kerry Smith contacted Susan Adams about attending the NY-HSJCC meeting. She is involved with the YMCA substance abuse program for youth 14-24 years. The committee decided to invite Kerry Smith for a presentation. Susan Adams will contact Kerry Smith to present at the next NY-HSJCC meeting scheduled for March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- Robin Adamson informed the committee that Bartimaeus provides short term auxiliary services such as intervention/crisis management with difficult cases and working with adults in psychiatric services. It is possible that they will do a presentation about their services to the committee.

### **Lunch and Learns**

- The November 18, 2013 Lunch and Learn with Wayne Skinner MSW, RSW, Deputy Director of the Addictions Program at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH), on *Concurrent Disorders: Recovery Approaches to Complex*

*Problems* with Robin Cuff, manager of Drug Treatment Court Services at CAMH was a success. About 30 people attended.

- Susan Adams reported on possibility of using webinar format for the Lunch and Learns. This might be possible at the courthouse. We need a phone line and internet connection at the site. We will do a dry run to ensure that the court technology has the capability for the webinars. CMHA and CAMH will provide support for the webinars. The webinar benefits are increasing audience size and being more accessible, given that the webinars will be uploaded to the HSJC website and available 24/7. Committee members support moving the Lunch and Learns to a webinar format.
- The following Lunch and Learn topics were suggested: how to communicate with someone with MI, signs of mental illness/types of mental illness, Taylor Test
- Dr. Julian Gojer, Forensic psychiatrist will be a guest speaker on some of the above topics, the refugee law office may be a source of potential guest speakers as well on the issue of how immigration issues impact on clients with MI

### **Service Resolution Issues**

- Justice Leslie Pringle reported that the courthouse is addressing concerns with CAMH about improving the medical reports.
- Susan Adams reported that the Thompson Case was decided in the Superior Court of Justice – it upheld the box “b” scenario

### **Work Plan 2014-2015**

- The Work Plan was distributed prior to the meeting. The January 2015 meeting date was moved to the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in January to reflect the actual meeting schedule.
- The Work Plan was approved.

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

- The P-HSJCC conference *The Changing World from Youth to Elderly in Human Services and Justice* was a success. 400 people registered. The HSJCC website has the keynote speakers and most sessions at <http://www.hsjcc.on.ca>

### **Actions**

- To discuss the Bail Recommendation at the next meeting
- Domenica Dileo to include the Terms of Reference in the next meeting package materials.
- Susan Adams will contact Kerry Smith to present at the next NY-HSJCC meeting.
- Susan Adams will connect with Tony Tersigni, head of security at 1000 Finch courts, to join the committee

### **Next Meeting**

Presenter- Kerry Smith from YMCA

March 6, 2014

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

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