



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

Meeting Minutes

May 1, 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; Lilliana Gallo, Probation & Parole, Jane St. Office; Sarah Haslip, T.A. Patterson; Arthur Stratton, Probation & Parole, Black Creek Office; Daniel DeSantis Crown Attorney's Office; Leslie Pringle, Justice; Diana Korn-Hassin, Toronto Police Service, MCIT Team; Lynda Lingard, Toronto Bail Program; Kerry Smith, YMCA-Youth Substance Abuse Program

Regrets: John Sconza, Toronto Police Service, 32 Division; Rosemary de Simas, CTYS; Trish Mills, Toronto Police Service. Nancy Blades, Cota; Scot Hodge, NYG.

Welcome and Introductions

- Everyone introduced themselves.

Review of March 6, 2014 minutes

- The minutes were approved.

Business Arising from the Minutes

- Committee members support not having the advocacy concept as part of the revised Terms of Reference. Terms of Reference were approved.
- Susan Adams will continue to check with the Security Supervisor with regards to representation on the committee.

Lunch and Learns

- The *Moving the Wheels of Justice: Communication about Mental Health within the Courthouse* lunch and learn webinar was filled within the first hour it was announced. It will be held on May 12, 2014 in courtroom 303 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. The webinar will be recorded and uploaded to the HSJCC website.
- Susan Adams will moderate. Andrew Graham was acknowledged for his contribution in developing the webinar content with Dr. Julian A.C. Gojer.
- Third dry run will take place on May 8th.

Agency/Organization Updates

- Diana Korn-Hassin reported on the MCIT expansion. MCIT units are expanding cross the city. On May 5th there will be an announcement regarding the new MCIT units. The North York General MCIT unit has been in operation since the beginning of April.
- Rhonda Frank from Maplehurst Correction Complex is unable to attend the NY-HSJCC meeting. However, she can present on the Maplehurst Correction Complex. Committee members are interested in this presentation.
- Domenica Dileo will contact Rhonda Frank to find out her availability for the next NY-HSJCC meeting to be held on September 4th, 2014.
- It was decided that a presentation from Bartimaeus Inc. can take place at the November 2014 meeting.

Presentation – Kerry Smith from the YMCA Youth Substance Abuse Program

- For youth 14-24 years struggling with substance issues. Mainly street involved youth.
- In January 2014 the program was expanded to North York
- YMCA staff is able to meet clients in the community or at the office.
- Funded by the Central LHIN. Service is free. No health card or citizenship necessary.
- It's self-referral, by family member or professional.
- Work with mandated clients, from court or school. Can provide a letter for court when client completes the five- session program, each session is one hour.
- Provide drug and/or alcohol counselling. Currently no waitlist.
- Using a harm reduction approach.
- Referral from lawyers, bail, schools, shelters and parents.
- Kerry Smith was thanked for the presentation.

Service Resolution Issues

- Concerns were expressed that some inmates leaving correction do not know the medication they are on.

Updates from the T-HSJCC and P-HSJCC

- The NY-HSJCC 2014-2015 workplan and budget request were approved by the T-HSJCC.
- A new tracking form for transportation and Food Vouchers will be put in place. Michael Story, Duty Counsel will administer the TTC and Food Vouchers at the NY courthouse, provided by the T-HSJCC.
- The March 27, 2014 ABI and FASD webinar are available on the HSJCC website. More 'specialized populations' topics will be re-visited in greater detail in future webinars. There were some technical difficulties.
- On March 28, 2014, a webinar with Deputy Chief Mike Federico addressed mental health and policing. The webinar is on the HSJCC website.

- The PHSJCC is beginning to work on the 2015 conference and are looking for volunteers for the planning committee. If interested, please contact Alice Bellevance: alice@bisno.org or Joan Dervin: joan.dervin@theroyal.ca
- Legal Aid Ontario is still working on drafting a contract with CMHA Ontario for a mental health screener project on which the HSJCC is listed as a partner. Some members will be asked to participate on an Advisory Group for this project.
- Andrew Graham reported on the S-HSJCC's pilot project to include people with lived experience on the committee. The NY-HSJCC committee asked to be kept updated.

Actions

- Domenica Dileo will contact Rhonda Frank to find out whether she can present at the next NY-HSJCC meeting to be held on September 4th, 2104
- Susan Adams will re-connect with the Security Supervisor at 1000 Finch Avenue, West courthouse, to join the committee

Next Meeting

September 4, 2014

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Metro North Court Library, 1000 Finch Avenue West

Presenter – Rhonda Frank, Maplehurst Correctional Complex