



**Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2021
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting**

Present: Tammy Tinney (Co-chair) NYGH; Dina Zalkind (Co-chair), Duty Counsel; Andrew Graham, Cota; Andrew MacLellan, COTA; Lily Cormier, Probation and Parole; Christi Patterson, Probation and Parole; Sue MacLennan, Aboriginal Legal Clinic; Genieve Chin, Toronto Bail Program.

Regrets: Justice of the Peace Mankovksy advised she retired in August, 2021. Contact Justice of the Peace T Chin to see who may be replacing her; Scott Skinner, Community Network of Specialized Care Toronto Region.

Welcome and Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves.

Review of May 6, 2021 Minutes

Review of Minutes postponed pending Domenica's return. To be reviewed at next meeting.

Review Action Items:

No action items to review.

Presentation: Carley Sims & Angele Boudreau, CAMH Sexual Behaviour Clinic.

1. Reviewed criteria for admission and provided overview of program.
2. Of note, neither COTA nor DC were aware that individuals could be referred to the clinic for potential Mental Health Diversion (an exception to the general rule that referrals are accepted for individuals with no pending charges – either after a finding of guilt or for people not currently legally involved but who are at risk of coming in contact with the law).
3. Referrals can be done by probation & parole officers, medical doctors or mental health case workers.
4. New program – “Talking for Change” – for prevention of sexual offences against children.
5. Probation conditions at times problematic as they restrict the individual's ability to use internet and counselling/therapy sessions are largely done online now.
6. Carley and Angele happy to return for a Lunch & Learn presentation.

Lunch and Learns

Potential topics for future Lunch & Learn programs discussed:

- CAMH Sexual Behaviour Clinic (today's presenters)
- Soundtimes
- TSDC – FEIS Team and social workers
- Focus Tables

Christi Patterson will reach out to Focus Tables to canvass interest in doing a Lunch & Learn. Andrew Graham can reach out to the FEIS team. Dina can reach out to Soundtimes.

How is COVID-19 affecting service delivery in your organization, sector and/or community? /Agency and Organization Updates

- Tammy advised of a recent issue with probation conditions. While this hasn't been an issue in the last number of years, recently she had three separate clients with probation conditions prohibiting them from possessing or consuming substances. This is a problem as clients would have a hard time completing counselling if they cannot openly admit to substance use, and they are worried about disclosing such use for fear of being breached. Christie indicated that she also has one client with this issue (she, too, hadn't seen these conditions for the last 4 years or so until this client). Christi suggested speaking to the clients' probation officers, but Tammy indicated clients are reluctant to have this discussion and don't want her to reach out. Christi will let CLOs at Metro North know as well.
- Tammy advised that Rose left and they will have a new part-time worker (Violet) 3 days/week. Current case load is very high and they are unable to accommodate individual anger management counselling if that is the sole purpose of the referral (though would continue to provide such counselling if bundled with other issues).
- Andrew G. advised that Lynda is moving to a new position and COTA will have a new worker replacing her – Victoria Young, who is currently in training.
- Andrew M. advised that COTA is currently doing its own anger management program in-house – it is free and run by him.
- Genieve advised that Bail Program has a new court worker for 1000 Finch – Cathy Lee. Amber is currently covering TSDC for Carol, who is on leave. Imtiaz continues to be the Enhanced Bail Program worker and is starting to see some clients in the community.

Updates from T-HSJCC and Provincial HSJCC:

No updates to provide at this time.

Service Co-ordination Issues

None.

Actions:

- Dina will reach out to Soundtimes canvassing availability to present at the next meeting.
- Continue to follow up on attendance.

Presenter for the next meeting: Possibly Soundtimes.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 4th, 2021