



**Meeting Minutes  
November 4, 2021  
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm  
Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting**

**Present:** Tammy Tinney (Co-chair), NYGH; Dina Zalkind (Co-chair), Duty Counsel; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; John McInnes, Judiciary; Tandy Clarke, Cota (on behalf of Andrew Graham); Christi Patterson, Probation and Parole; Carol Walker, Toronto Bail Program; Rebecca Walker, Sound Times; Christine Gregory; Sound Times; Andrew Gartner, Sound Times

**Regrets:** Scott Skinner, Community Network of Specialized Care Toronto Region; Andrew Graham, Cota; Andrew Maclellan, Cota; Genieve Chin, Toronto Bail Program; Jessica Lee, CMHA; Barry Sharp, Salvation Army; Sue MacLennan, Aboriginal Legal Services;

**Call-in:** None

**Land Acknowledgement**

Tammy noted the Land Acknowledgement recognizing the history of the Indigenous People and their contribution to the land we stand on.

**Welcome and Introductions**

Everyone introduced themselves.

**Presentation:** Rebecca Walker, Christine Gregory and Andrew Gartner, from Sound Times.

- Rebecca provided the historical context of Sound Time. The agency was created in 1992 and was part of the Community Resource of Toronto Social Recreational Club. They are an Adult Consumer Survivor of the mental health system. At this point they had 50 members. Today they have 1800 members. In 2002 they moved to their current Parliament St address (south of Dundas). The centre is COVID friendly. They remain opened during COVID, using a Kiosk model, as well, following public health guidelines. Ten people at a time can use the centre.
- Christine discussed the following aspect of their support: can help with same day needs, members driven organization by and for consumer survivors, provide a warm environment, the Self-Management Recovery Training (addresses addiction) is in person program on Monday – Friday at 11:00 am. It will be indoor during the winter. All services are voluntary and use a 360-team non-clinical approach. All staff can help individuals as needed as well provide snacks for people to take with them. Also have Fun programs such as; Friday music listen party, joke club and art group.
- Andrew reported on the general practitioner clinic: There are two doctors and a nurse exclusive for their members, as well as a psychiatrist. Currently, psychiatrist

appointments are booked for the third week of December. OW and ODSP are making many referrals for assessment which limits the availability when one can see the psychiatrist.

- Referral process: mainly self-referral or agency referral. They are part of the Justice Community Centre pilot project. They have a case worker as part of this project.

**Themes discussed:** How quickly can you serve an individual who was released and has a release plan? The client can access the services right away. They use a 360-team approach. They are able to assist with emergency transportation needs, but do not provide TTC tokens to get from point A to B.

Dina, Tammy and Justice McInnes acknowledged the valuable service they are providing as well, how much they appreciate what they do. Tammy acknowledged that working in a hospital setting there are limits of using creative venues to support people dealing with mental health, addictions and the justice system.

The committee thanked the presenters for sharing their expertise and making time in their busy schedule to share their insights with us. Rebecca stated that if anyone has any questions to contact her via email at [rebeccawalker@soundtimes.com](mailto:rebeccawalker@soundtimes.com)

#### **Review of May 6<sup>th</sup> and September 9, 2021 minutes**

The minutes of May 6<sup>th</sup> were approved by Christi and seconded by Justice McInnes.

The minutes of September 9<sup>th</sup> were approved by Christi and seconded by Dina.

#### **Review Action Items:**

Reviewed and completed.

#### **Lunch and Learns**

Dina reported that the next Lunch and Learn session will take place on November 25<sup>th</sup>, the topic is Forensic Early Intervention Services (FEIS) with Tanya O'Connor.

It was agreed that the following Lunch and Learn topic will be on CAMH Sexual Behavior Clinic.

#### **Low meeting attendance**

Tammy noted that several regular members have not been attending meetings such as the Crown Attorney's Office. Dina agreed to contact them to inquire about meeting participation. Tammy reported that Lily Cormier from the Black Creek Probation Office has changed location. Tammy will contact the manager there to find out if there will be a replacement for her.

It was noted the importance to send out the meeting invite in advance from one meeting to the next so that members can avoid scheduling conflicts. Domenica will send out the January meeting invite immediately after the meeting.

#### **Priority Setting Exercise:**

Tammy provided the context for the Priority Setting Exercise. The Provincial HSJCC is gathering input from all the Locals and Regional to develop a work plan for the next three years. To guide our input the following questions will be addressed to identify priorities:

- 1) What new initiatives are occurring in our environment that are impacting the work of our HSJCC.
- 2) How are these initiatives changing or shaping the HSJCC's role in our community? (Please consider the impact of the COVID-19)

3)What are the **top three issues** or challenges in human services and justice coordination in our community?

4)What are the top three priority areas that NY-HSJCC will be leading over the next year?

5)What support would the NY-HSJCC like to receive from the Provincial HSJCC to achieve our mandate?

6)What should the P-HSJCC start, stop or continue doing?

What new initiatives are occurring in our environment that are impacting the work of our HSJCC

- Geographical impact of the New Courthouse and New Bail Centre

The top three issues identified are:

- The gaps and services for older individuals with dementia who have no history with the justice system and can't return home.
- People with sexual offending charges have limited referral resources.
- People who are charged with arson can't access housing resources due to assessment.

The top three priorities are:

- To have a safe beds program for elders with dementia
- To address the impact of isolation on one's mental health
- To address the impact of PTSD

**Themes discussed:** Cota has a geriatric program. Tandy will gather more information about their referral process and provide it to Dina.

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

Deferred to next meeting

**Agency and Organization Updates**

None

**Updates from T-HSJCC and Provincial HSJCC:**

Domenica reported that the next Toronto HSJCC meeting is taking place on December 9<sup>th</sup>. The Provincial HSJCC 2021 conference will take place virtually from November 16-17.

**Legal Aid Barriers or Challenges**

Deferred to next meeting

**Service Co-ordination Issues**

None

**Actions:**

- Tammy will follow up on the Lunch and Learn on CAMH Sexual Behaviour Clinic.
- Domenica will invite Dana Riley to present at the next meeting.
- Dina will contact the Crown's Attorney's Office re meeting participation
- Tammy will contact Probation and Parole re Lily replacement

- Domenica will send Outlook January meeting invite after this meeting and reminder prior to the meeting

**Presenter for the next meeting:** It was agreed to invite Dana Riley, from E Fry to present on *Supporting Black Individuals Impacted by the Criminal Justice System using Intersectional Lens*

**Next Meeting:** Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting taking place on Thursday, January 13th 2022 from 12 pm to -1:00 pm.