



**Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2022
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting**

Present: Tammy Tinney (Co-chair), NYGH; Scott Skinner, Community Network of Specialized Care Toronto Region; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Andrew Graham, Cota; Sue MacLennan, Aboriginal Legal Services, Tonya Passi, LAO; Andrew Wills; CHIRS, Dana Riley, Elizabeth Fry Toronto; Barry Sharp Salvation Army; Christi Patterson, SolGen

Regrets: Richard Nathanson, Crown Attorney's Office; Andrew Maclellan, Cota; Genieve Chin, Toronto Bail Program; Jessica Lee, CMHA; Barry Sharp, Salvation Army; Carol Walker, Toronto Bail Program; Chris Patterson, Probation and Parole; John McInnes, Judiciary.

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.

Approval of March 3, 2022 minutes

The minutes of March 3, 2022 were approved by Sue and seconded by Andrew.

Review Action Items:

Tammy will follow up on the Probation and Parole membership replacement on this committee.

Presentation: Deena Rahal and Lindsay Jennings from Thunder Woman Healing Lodge deferred to another meeting.

Lunch and Learns

Domenica reported on the upcoming Lunch N' Learns.

- There will be a Lunch and Learn on the CAMH Gender Identity Clinic on March 8th.
- The New Toronto Courthouse and Toronto Region Bail Centre session held on February 10th was successful. Two hundred and sixty-eight people registered and 158 were in attendance.
- The SolGen's Reintegration Unit session was held on February 24th. One hundred and fifty-three registered and seventy-two were in attendance.

- The NY-HSJCC Lunch and Learn on the CAMH Sexual Behaviour Clinic took place on January 20th. PowerPoint slides were circulated.

Review Workplan for 2022-2023

Workplan 2022-2023 was circulated prior to the meeting. It was noted that the 1000 Finch Avenue, West Courthouse will move to the New Toronto Courthouse.

Proposed budget: \$600 TTC tokens, \$650 food vouchers, \$2500 Lunch and Learns/Anti-Racism Series, Honorarium \$240, Virtual Court Equipment \$1750.

The Toronto Regional HSJCC is meeting on March 10th and the workplan and budget will be approved then and submitted to the Provincial HSJCC.

Sue passed the motion to approve the workplan and budget for 2022-2023, second by Andrew. It was unanimously passed.

Agency and Organization Updates

How is COVID-19 affecting service delivery in your organization, sector and/or community? Service Coordination/Resolution Issues?

- Andrew noted that there are barriers with contacting clients who do not have a phone. Appreciation was noted for the Cota staff's effort to contact clients given the barriers. Currently, the Cota court office is opened one day per week to address accessibility issues.
- Tammy reported that NYG is down to one psychiatrist in the MH and Justice program. This means that the wait time to see a psychiatrist is longer. Currently there are twenty people on the waitlist. They are in the process to recruit another psychiatrist.
- Barry reported that the Salvation Army is doing online programs such as Positive Lifestyle. As well, working with the Drug Treatment court, by providing 12 modules one hour each session. If you require more information, contact Barry at barry.sharp@salvationarmy.ca
- Scott reported that Surrey Place is partnering with health agencies to provide vaccine clinics for their client's population. A nurse will meet with their clients in the comfort of the individual's car. Their clients are dealing with various disabilities including sensory and neurodiversity challenges. Staff is specifically trained to do restraining if needed while receiving the shot. This setting is effective for their client population compared to the challenges going to a public setting for the vaccine.

Updates from T-HSJCC and Provincial HSJCC:

Tammy reported that the Toronto Regional committee has established an Anti-Racism Ad Hoc committee. Its membership includes local HSJCC Co-chairs. The main goal is to develop an Anti-Racism educational session for the HSJCC target population. This is reflected in the Local HSJCC workplan.

Next meeting is taking place on March 10th.

Domenica reported on the Provincial HSJCC. They will be meeting next week. Planning for the next conference began. There is support to continue with a virtual conference because many people were able to attend from up north. Six hundred and eighty people attended the conference. A hybrid model is too expensive.

Legal Aid Barriers or Challenges

Tonya noted that it is difficult to stay in touch with clients as well they are returning in-person. Tonya reported that clients are missing court dates and bench warrants are issued.

Actions:

- Domenica will send Outlook May meeting invite after this meeting and reminder prior to the meeting
- Domenica will report on the Lunch and Learns at the next meeting.
- Domenica will report on the NY-HSJCC 2022-2023 workplan and budget at the T-HSJCC March 10th meeting

Presenter for the next meeting: Bradley Scarr from the Metis Nation of Ontario

Next Meeting: Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting taking place on Thursday, May 5, 2022 from 12 pm to -1:00 pm.