



Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2023
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting

Present: Tammy Tinney (Co-chair), NYGH; Sue MacLennan (Co-chair), Aboriginal Legal Services; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Tonya Passi, LAO; Andrew Graham, Cota; Carol Walker, Toronto Bail Program; Victoria Young, Cota; Omary Njinjinji, CMHA Toronto; Dawud Bramblo, CMHA Toronto, Matthew Carrol, CMHA Toronto; Kyra Schrader, Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO); Bradley Scarr, Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO), Tandy Clarke, Cota; Wayne Willis, CHIRS; Joaquin Canton, Crown Attorney's Office

Regrets: Andrew Maclellan, Cota

Call-in: None

Land Acknowledgement

Tammy provided the Land Acknowledgement recognizes the Indigenous people's history and their contribution to the land we stand on.

Committee members are encouraged to share the Land Acknowledgement. Please email Tammy, or Domenica if you are interested before the next meeting.

Welcome and Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves.

Approval of January 12, 2023 minutes

The minutes of January 12, 2023 were deferred to the next meeting.

Review Action Items:

Action items were reviewed and completed.

Presentation: Orson Payne, Family Support Worker at Reclaiming our Communities Investing in our Youth.

Funded by the Public Safety Canada, and partnered with Black Creek Community Health Centre (BCCHC). The RCIY project serves Black and Racialized youth, ages 12-29 in need of employment, educational attainment, mental health support, and reintegration

This is accomplished through:

GED/academic preparation and teaching One-on-one and group counselling Community workshops

Referrals (providing participants with appropriate resources, and supports to external agencies)

They serve youth and families that are:

Black and racialized

Deemed at-risk (low, medium, high)

12-29 years of age

Out of school

Out of work

Street/criminally-involved

In need of mental health support

They provide services to meet the participant's needs, such as:

Counselling

GED Preparation/OSSGD achievement

Community, in-school workshops

Case management

Registered after-school drop-in sessions

Referrals

The RCIY Project is collaborating with an Evaluation Team, who is assisting in analyzing and interpreting project data to keep the RCIY initiative on track.

Themes discussed: They are making linkage with probation and parole and police. It was noted that if they are working with probation and parole it would be beneficial to connect with the bail program. The program is federally funded. The catchment area aligns with Police Divisions 12, 21, and 23, and serves the area from Dufferin to Islington, Steeles, to Wilson.

Orson was thanked for a very informative and engaging presentation.

Lunch and Learns

Tammy provided the report - the Anti-Racism series session 4 of 5 took place on February 23, 2023, addressing the professional perspective with Shawna Kelly and Dr. Welsley Crichlow. It was successful. The series' final session will take place on March 23rd on 'What Can Be Done'.

Approval Workplan for 2023-2024

The workplan 2023-24 was circulated before the meeting.

Domenica reported on the workplan budget:

-TTC tokens \$600

- Food Vouchers \$650

-Lunch N' Learns/Anti-Racism Series \$1250 (Hybrid Model)

-Honorarium \$300

-Police Division TTC tokens for Bail Releases - \$335 (NEW)

Domenica noted that pre-covid individuals were released from custody, but are now released from the police stations. Patricia Pagnani, Bail Program Manager had a meeting with the justice sector partners regarding the individuals who are released from the police stations who have no access to TTC tokens. They acknowledged that vulnerable individuals will benefit from receiving TTC tokens to go from point A to B when released from the police stations. The Toronto HSJCC was approached for help with TTC tokens for vulnerable individuals released on bail from the police stations. A new budget line has been created to address this emerging need for vulnerable individuals.

The workplan 2023-24 was approved by Andrew Graham and seconded by Joaquin Canton.

Committee members unanimously approved the workplan and budget for the 2023-24 fiscal year. Final approval will take place at the Toronto Regional HSJCC meeting.

Agency and Organization Updates

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

Joaquin Canton stated that the North York courthouse will be moving to the New Courthouse in mid-April.

Tammy update the committee regarding Sue MacLennan will be stepping down as the Co-chair due to her having a new position. She will remain a member.

Legal Aid barriers and challenges?

None Identified

Service Coordination/ Resolution Issues

None Identified

Updates from T-HSJCC and Provincial HSJCC:

Tammy reported on the Toronto Regional Anti-Racism Ad Hoc Group.

The next T-HSJCC meeting is taking place on March 9th, 2023.

The provincial conference will take place virtually on November 15-16. The presentation abstract call will be sent out shortly. The conference cost for members will be \$50, non-members \$75 and PWLE will attend for free.

Action Items:

Domenica will report on the Lunch and Learn sessions at the next meeting.

Domenica will circulate the PowerPoint meeting presentation slide deck.

Presenter for next meeting: Matthew Carrol on the Toronto Community Crisis Services – North West

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 4, 2023 (virtually) from 1:00 pm to -2:00 pm (NEW TIME).