

**Meeting Minutes**  
**May 4, 2023**  
**12:00 pm to 1:00 pm**  
**Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting**

**Present:** Tammy Tinney (Co-chair), NYGH; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Tonya Passi, LAO; Victoria Young, Cota; Matthew Carrol, CMHA Toronto; Kyra Schrader, Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO); Bradley Scarr, Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO), Kristina Dobosz, Community Network of Specialized Care, Toronto Region; Wayne Willis, CHIRS; John McInnes, Judiciary; Robert Clayton, Justice of the Peace; Amber Guthrie, Toronto Bail Program

**Regrets:** Andrew Maclellan, Cota; Carol Walker, Toronto Bail Program; Andrew Graham, 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 and March 2, 2023 minutes**

The minutes of January 12, and March 2, 2023 were approved.

**Review Action Items:**

Action items were reviewed and completed.

**Presentation:** Matthew Carrol on the Toronto Community Crisis Services – North West

- What is the Toronto Community Crisis Service? Four sites: Downtown East, Gerstein Crisis Centre, Downtown West, 2-Spirited People of the 1<sup>st</sup> Nations, Northwest, Canadian Mental Health Association Toronto and Northeast, TAIBU Community Health Centre
- Context was provided. Develop a community, non-police led response to people experiencing crisis.
- Crisis response that reduces the harm that is disproportionately experienced by Black, Indigenous, Racialized, LGBTQ2S people and those struggling with mental health and addictions
- 24/7 service, voluntary, consent-based, 16 years +, trauma-informed care and harm reduction, “no wrong door approach, mobile crisis team, post crisis follow-up, case management and service navigation, culturally relevant services and referral network
- Can access the TCCS by calling 211 or 911. Will meet where the client is at, offer wrap around services
- Follow-up services offered within 48 hours
- NW pilot collaborative partners were discussed

- Crisis workers skillset: experience in community mental health, crisis intervention, experience working with issues related to substance use and concurrent disorders within a harm reduction approach, includes people with lived experience, youth, Indigenous identified, and nurses
- Serving 23, 12 and 31 Police Division
- The City of Toronto completed a six months report on the TCCS confirming the effective success of the mobile/crisis service
- Cultural services and referrals provided
- TCCS catchment map will be circulated
- CMHA Toronto has a new website

Matthew was thanked for the informative and insightful presentation.

### **Lunch and Learns**

Tammy provided the report on the Anti-Racism series. 1099 registered for this series, and 453 attended the sessions. It was a very successful five-part series. 99% rated the content above average to excellent. Due to the success and feedback, the Toronto Anti-Racism Ad Hoc Group is addressing repeating the series.

### **Member Annual Evaluation:**

Domenica reminded members to complete the annual evaluation. Your input is essential to help us with continuous improvement. We want to hear from you. It takes 5 minutes to complete the members' evaluation.

### **Agency and Organization Updates**

- Bradley reported that the MNO justice program is expanding and continues to work at the federal level to meet justice and policing priorities. Hiring new positions update: manager, eight restorative justice coordinators, youth restorative justice coordinator, justice program specialist, and data evaluator. We are looking at becoming more involved at the courthouse.
- Victoria stated that it is unknown when people will be released, impacting the high volume of referrals and waiting for the two courthouses to emerge, so things are unsettling. Cota's staff is rotating and working on a new schedule to reflect the recent changes. Victoria will provide more updates at the next meeting.
- Tonya acknowledged that LAO is in a transitional state. Clients are asked to be brought in person at the Regional Bail Centre if they have to meet with the mental health office.
- Meeting members acknowledged many unknowns due to the Regional Bail and OCJT changes. Members agreed to provide updates at the next meeting.

### **Legal Aid barriers and challenges?**

None Identified

### ***Service Coordination/ Resolution Issues***

Does anyone have any issues to resolve? Are there any issues to bring forth to the Toronto Regional HSJCC?  
None Identified.

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

- a. Provincial Conference - November 15-16, 2023
- b. Next T-HSJCC meeting taking place on June 8, 2023
- c. Anti-Racism Ad Hoc Group Updates – see above

Domenica reported that the provincial conference will occur virtually on November 15-16. She circulated the abstract call, and the submission date is May 15<sup>th</sup>. The conference cost for members will be \$50, non-members \$75, and PWLE will attend for free.

**Action Items:** Domenica will circulate the TCCS map.

Contact Domenica or Tammy if you can provide the Land Acknowledgement at the September meeting.

**Presenter for next meeting:** TBD

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, September 14, 2023 (virtually) from 1:00 pm to -2:00 pm (NEW TIME)