

**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 14, 2023**  
**1:00 pm to 2:00 pm**  
**Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting**

**Present:** Tammy Tinney (Co-chair), NYGH; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Tonya Passi, LAO; Lynda Myung, Cota; Bradley Scarr, Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO), Wayne Willis, CHIRS; Andrew Graham, Cota, Melissa Ridding, Cota, Greg McInnes, Salvation Army; Orson Payne, SRRA; Althea Parkinson, Cota; Victoria Young, Cota; Carol Walker, Toronto Bail Program; Brandy Tanenbaum, Sunnybrook Hospital

**Regrets:** Andrew Maclellan, Cota; John McInnes, Judiciary; Kristina Dobosz, Community Network of Specialized Care, Toronto Region; Robert Clayton, Justice of the Peace; Amber Guthrie, Toronto Bail Program

**Call-in:** None

**Land Acknowledgement**

Greg provided the Land Acknowledgement, which recognizes the Indigenous people's history and 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 May 4, 2023, minutes**

The May 4, 2023, minutes were approved by Victoria and seconded by Tammy.

**Review Action Items:**

-Domenica reported on the member's annual evaluation. She collated the feedback and circulated it. Thank you for completing it. Your feedback helps us with continued improvement. Overall, the feedback was positive. This year, fewer members participated, and six members provided feedback. Members noted the benefits of participating in the HSJCC network and found the information sharing helpful.

Action items were reviewed and completed.

**Presentation:**

Deferred to the next meeting.

## **Lunch and Learns**

Tammy reported on the upcoming Lunch and Learns. Invites will be circulated. Due to popular demand, the Anti-Racism Series will be repeated with five sessions.

### **Upcoming Lunch and Learns:**

- September 28th Toronto East Reintegration Table (S-HSJCC)
- October 5th Drug Treatment Court (NY-HSJCC)
- Toronto Anti-Racism Series Session 1 on Foundation 101 with Dr. Rai Reece, on October 26,
- Toronto Anti-Racism Series Session 2 on Decentering Whiteness, White Privilege and White Supremacy in Organizational Spaces will take place on November 23
- December 7th East Focus Table (S-HSJCC)

*Discussion ensued to have Lunch and Learns on the following:*

- Dangerous Offender Application
- Strategies for working with clients using crystal meth and fentanyl and substance use.
- Contact Domenica if you can suggest presenters for these topics.

### **Agency and Organization Updates**

*How does transitioning to the TRBC and OCJT affect service delivery in your organization, sector, and community?*

*Themes discussed:*

- Prisoners belonging and transportation challenges when released at the TSDC, TRBC and Police Divisions.
- Salvation Army has a Vulnerable Persons Program at the OSHAWA Court to deal with prisoners' belongings.
- Care packages at the Bail Centre are going quickly. It is based on donations by agencies and is challenging to sustain.
- Lack of shelter and housing results in people staying on the street when released late.
- When released from the Bail Centre, they cannot go to the TSDC to pick up their belongings due to lack of presto tickets, or they don't know how to get there.
- Women released from the TRBC have transportation struggles to get back to Vanier.
- Lack of transportation resources
- Who needs to be at the table to address the prisoners' belonging issues? Durham police have a system that allows them to release the prisoner's belongings with the Salvation Army support.
- How can we support people to get to point A to B when the Go Trains do not go there? We need a unified voice.
- John Howard Reintegration trailer is not open at late pm, and this is when folks are released from the TSDC.
- TSDC releases folks up until midnight. There is a lack of resources when released late at night, no shelter, etc.
- When one is released at night, their court paper must come to the TSDC in person; this leads to delays.
- When one is released, TSDC has no responsibility for continued care because the legal matter has been resolved. Individuals are unable to access services or support when released late at night. Safe beds may not keep the bed due to the unknown release time and day.
- People are discharged from jail without their physical aids, i.e., walkers or wheelchairs.
- If the system requires respect, should the system not respond with respect?

A significant issue for people released from custody is having prompt access to their personal property (i.e., house keys, identification and money). This gap is not being addressed.

Personal property is held at the institution and does not go to court with the property owner even when there is the likelihood of being released from court, and this leaves people without a key to their home or money to travel money to travel to TSDC or the more challenging distances to Vanier and, Central East Correctional Centre.

- Vanier and CECC are inaccessible by TTC and GO Transit does not travel to Lindsay.
- Actional solution: bring these issues to the Toronto Regional and Provincial HSJCC tables.
- Members noted that having justice members on the committee is helpful; several names were provided. Please send their names to Domenica to invite them to join the committee.

#### *Service Coordination/ Resolution Issues*

Does anyone have any issues to resolve? Are there any issues to bring forth to the Toronto Regional HSJCC?

See above.

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

- a. Provincial Conference - November 15-16, 2023
- b. Next T-HSJCC meeting taking place on September 21, 2023
- c. Anti-Racism Ad Hoc Group Updates – see above.
- d. PWLE Honorarium Policy - it was circulated, but there was no comment.
- e. Provincial HSJCC members structure diagram - it was circulated, but there is no comment.

#### **Action Items:**

- Contact Domenica if you can provide the Land Acknowledgement at the January 11, 2024, meeting.
- Domenica will follow up on the presentation(s) for the January 11, 2024, meeting.
- Domenica will follow up on the meeting time and length poll. Poll results: The NY-HSJCC meetings will be from 1:00 to 2:30 pm.
- Please email Domenica, the justice sector contact whom you would like to invite to join the committee, and she will send an invite.
- Contact Domenica if you can recommend who can present on the Dangerous Offender Application at a meeting.

**The November meeting will be a MEGA meeting with all 4 Local HSJCCs on Thursday, November 2, 2023**, from 8:30 to 10:30 am at the OCJT. It will be a hybrid model, and a light breakfast will be provided.

Presenter for the next meeting on January 11, 2024, from 1:00 to 2:30 pm (**NEW TIME**): Brandy Tanenbaum, Sunnybrook Hospital, the Brave Program.