

Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2024
1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting

Present: Tammy Tinney (Co-chair), NYGH; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Tonya Passi, LAO; Lynda Myung, Cota; Kyra Schrader, Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO), Melissa Ridding, Cota; Althea Parkinson, Cota; Victoria Young, Cota; Brandy Tanenbaum, Sunnybrook Hospital; Maxine Dinham, SolGen; Genevieve Chin, Toronto Bail Program; Toban Black, Cota's student

Regrets: Andrew Graham, Cota; Kristina Dobosz, Community Network of Specialized Care, Toronto Region; Robert Clayton, Justice of the Peace; Amber Guthrie, Toronto Bail Program; Orson Payne, SRRA; Wayne Willis, CHIRS

Call-in: None

Land Acknowledgement

Tammy 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 September 14, 2023, minutes

The September 14, 2023, minutes were approved by Kyra and seconded by Maxine. Please note that the November 2, 2023, Mega Meeting with all four Locals replaced the regular NY-HSJCC November meeting.

Review Action Items:

-Based on the member's meeting length and time poll results, the meeting will start at 1:00 and end at 2:30 p.m., and the length is back to pre-COVID of one hour and a half.

-Discussion ensued on the Local HSJCCs Mega Meeting on November 2, 2023 summary report.

Themes discussed: The mega meeting indicated the overwhelming interest of members in coming together and engaging to build relationships. Members acknowledged the importance of face-to-face contact, which allows them to network, build relationships and address common problems by coming together and working collaboratively.

The advantage of hybrid meetings is that they allow more members to attend them.

Action items were reviewed and completed.

Presentation: Brandy Tanenbaum, Sunnybrook Hospital, the Brave Program

- Here is the link to the PowerPoint slides: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/11KfInU2grGUwInZV9-FOQm4wLDjk5dC/view?usp=sharing>

- The City of Toronto has seen an upward trend in homicide rates. The City's shooting incidents have doubled since 2014, from 166 to 364.

Youth violence is a global public health problem.

Homicide is the fourth leading cause of death in people aged 10-29 years.

WHAT IS A HOSPITAL-BASED VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAM (HVIP)?

- "HVIPs are multidisciplinary programs that combine the efforts of medical staff with trusted community-based partners to provide safety planning, services, and trauma-informed care to violently injured people, many of whom are boys and men of colour.

-The HAVI recommends that any hospital treating over 100 assaults, gunshot wounds, stab wounds or other violence-related injuries per year, both in emergency departments and trauma activations, should establish an HVIP.

-Public health research on risk/protective factors for violent injury should inform standards of trauma center practice.

BRAVE: *Breaking the Cycle of Violence with Empathy - Launched Fall 2020*

Mission: Promote positive alternatives to violence in order to reduce retaliation, criminal involvement and re-injury among youth injured by violence.

Goal: Reduce risk factors and increase protective factors for violence.

Objectives: Facilitate referrals to community services, link patients and families to mental health Supports, Support medical follow-up for physical injury care.

Principles: We use a public health approach to violence prevention, recognizing the modifiable risk factors, including the social determinants of health and systemic racism.

-Patients may receive up to a year of support or until they need it.

If an individual has been shot in the last year, you can contact Brandy for a referral.

Discussion ensued to have a Lunch and Learn on the BRAVE program, given the scope and catchment area.

Co-chair Position:

Members were informed of the vacant Co-chair position. Victoria Young from Cota expressed interest in the position. Members acknowledged that the HSJCC model is to have one Co-chair from the justice sector and the other from the mental health community. However, it was agreed to have two Co-chairs; we still have the Co-chair position vacant from the justice sector. Tammy would like to eventually step down from the co-chair position, she has served for the past eight years.

Members unanimously elected Victoria as the Co-chair with Tammy of the North York Local HSJCC. Victoria was congratulated.

Lunch and Learns Updates:

Tammy reported that she is exploring a potential presenter on Personality Disorder. More information will be provided at the next meeting.

Discussion ensued to have Lunch and Learns on the following:

- Dangerous Offender Application and/or the sex registry.
 - Strategies for working with clients using crystal meth and fentanyl and substance use. Please note that the West Toronto HSJCC will have a Lunch and Learn on Harm Reductions Essentials and Substance Use **on February 8**.
 - Contact Domenica if you can suggest presenters for these topics.
 - BRAVE program
 - Domenica reported on the upcoming Lunch and Learns.
- Anti-Racism Series Session 3 on January 25, 2024, on Misconceptions of Indigenous Rights and Life Ways with Cynthia Bell. The invitation was circulated.

Review Workplan for 2023-2024

- What have we accomplished, and what future areas should we consider?
- Who is missing from the table?
- Virtual/Hybrid meetings and Lunch and Learn format for 2024-25?
- Hybrid Mega Meeting Follow-up – 3 Working Groups:
 - a) Release, Transportation and Belongings
 - b) Accessibility, Inclusion and Diversity
 - c) Communication

The 2023-24 workplan was circulated before the meeting. The objectives were reviewed, and everyone agreed to maintain them.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- Members agreed to continue with virtual committee meetings and explore having a hybrid meeting or Lunch and Learn session to enhance engagement and connectivity among members.
- Establish Toronto Local HSJCC working groups to address the identified needs and gaps regarding the changes in the criminal justice system – the recent opening of the Toronto Regional Bail Centre and Ontario Court of Justice – Toronto. The three main areas for the working groups to address separately are 1) Release, Transportation and Belongings; 2) Accessibility, Inclusion and Diversity; and 3) Communication.
- Develop strategies to increase committee members' participation of people with lived experience.

Agency and Organization Updates:

Service Coordination/ Resolution Issues

- Tonya noted that there are challenges with the client's property transfer.
- Lynda reported that Cota added five new safe beds to the registry.
- Maxine noted that she would reach out to her colleagues, who know the sex registry system at Probation and Parole, for a meeting presentation.

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

None identified.

Toronto Regional HSJCC and Provincial HSJCC Updates:

- The next T-HSJCC meeting will take place **on January 18, 2024**
- Provincial HSJCC November meeting highlights were circulated

Action Items:

- Contact Domenica if you can provide the Land Acknowledgement at the March 5, 2024 meeting.
- Maxine will follow up on the sex registry presentation(s) for the March 5, 2024, meeting.
- Please email Domenica, the justice sector contact whom you would like to invite to join the committee, and she will send an invite.

Presenter for the next meeting on March 5, 2024, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.: TBD