

Scarborough Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee (S-HSJCC)

Meeting Minutes September 12, 2018 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. 1225 Kennedy Rd. Scarborough Hospital Community Outreach

Present: Dr. Samim Hasham, Pharmacist (Co-chair); Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Sharon Williams, Scarborough Hospital; Jennifer Emanoilidis, CMHA; Tammy Alston, CMHA; Susan Boucaud, Toronto East Detention Centre; Erin Anstey, Scarborough Hospital; Joy Evans, Salah Keykhosravi, Cota; Amber Aguthrie, Toronto Bail Program; Paula Konstantinidis, Judiciary; Alexandra Angelidis, Probation and Parole; Jennifer Rogers, Toronto East Detention Centre; Tazio Clarke, East Detention Centre; Natalie Reitmeier, CHIRS; Beckey Paonessa, Salvation Army; Scott Skinner, Toronto Network of Specialized Care

Regrets: Jhanelle Peters, Toronto Housing; Greg McInnes, Salvation Army; Alida Banks, Toronto East General Hospital; Mary Jarrell, MAG

Welcome and Introductions:

- Everyone introduced themselves
- Paula Konstantinidis, Justice of the Peace from the Scarborough Courthouse was welcomed

Review and Approval of Minutes of May 2, 2018

• The minutes were approved.

Action Items Follow-up

Reviewed and completed

Presentation: Paul Koniec on the Scarborough and Rouge Hospital - Rapid Access Addiction Medicine (RAAM)

Presentation PowerPoint slide decks will be circulated when available.

- Barrier-free access to medical treatment for addiction and same -day counselling at Scarborough and Rouge Hospital.
- RAAM is part of the Ontario government's Strategy to Prevent Opioid Addiction and Overdose.
- Have two counsellors in house
- No catchment area or OHIP required
- Has fentanyl drug testing clinic
- 4000 opioid deaths in Canada 90% are unintentional

- Can see patients by appointment or walk-in, accepts self-referral dealing with alcohol and opioid use.
- Hours of operation are Tuesday and Thursday from 9-11 a.m. The team includes addiction counsellors and nurses.
- Do not provide methadone but provide suboxone to deal with addictions.

Presentation: Heather McFarquhar, Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) on Mental Health and Justice Housing Update

CMHA in partnership with the City of Toronto Streets to Homes Program, supports individuals who are recent or current involvement in the criminal justice system to find and maintain affordable housing.

Program pamphlet was circulated.

It is low barrier. Services all the GTA.

Has two parts to the program - one outreach and the other follow-up. Outreach program helps clients with looking for housing. No waitlist. Can self-refer. They have access to the Trusteeship.

Services provided include:

- Access to income benefits and ID replacement
- Linkages to treatment and rehabilitation services
- Assistance with activities of daily living
- Goal planning

Eligibility criteria: Mental health and/or addiction issues, recent or current criminal justice involvement, homeless or at risk of being homeless

Resources discussed: 129 Peter Street Centre provides beds which help with transition between shelter and housing. It provides three meals, laundry facilities and dental bus.

For more information or to make a referral, contact: 416-789-7957 ext. 3800 or <u>eastdecisionsupport@cmhato.org</u>

Paul and Heather were thanked for their informative presentation.

Lunch and Learns

Discussion ensued regarding Lunch and Learns.

The following topics have been identified.

- 1. Update on cannabis /youth component
- 2. Human Trafficking
- 3. RAAM Clinics
- 4. Mega courthouse
- 5. Housing options for homeless population
- 6. Racialized communities and mental health
- 7. Immigration process

RAAM and housing topics where addressed with today's presentations and can be removed from the topic list.

It was agreed to have the first Lunch and Learn at the November meeting on Racialized communities, mental health and the justice system. It was suggested to ask Across Boundaries to present.

Domenica Dileo will follow up on the Lunch and Learn logistics.

Domenica to survey committee members based on the above topics to prioritize the second Lunch and Learn for the January meeting.

Please note that the regular meeting will be extended from 2:30 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. when we have a Lunch and Learn session attached to the meeting.

Co-chair position update

Dr. Samim Hasham reported that one member from the justice sector has expressed interest in the Co-chair position – Tazio Clarke. He is the Manager of Social Work and Rehabilitation Services at the Toronto East Detention Centre. Tazio and his team have a long historical involvement and contribution on this committee.

Tammy Alston moved to approve Tazio Clarke as the Scarborough HSJCC Co-chair. Committee members unanimously voted to accept Tazio Clarke as the Co-chair of the Scarborough HSJCC.

Agency/Organization Updates

Dr. Samim Hasham reported on the EENet – knowledge exchange network that help create and share evidence to build a better mental health and substance use system in Ontario. Located in the Provincial System Support Program (PSSP) at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH), the network includes researchers, clinicians, service providers, system planners, policymakers, persons with lived experience, and families. Link to EEnet is: <u>http://eenet.ca/</u>

Dr. Samim Hasham reported on a study regarding a Concept Mapping study entitled: *Optimizing Support and Service Delivery for Problem Gambling among People Living with Complex Needs.* They are looking for participation. Study letter will be circulated to committee members by Domenica Dileo.

It was reported that the Toronto East Detention Centre is hiring a Social Worker.

Service Coordination/Resolution Issues

None

Updates from T-HSJCC and Provincial HSJCC

Dr. Samim Hasham reported that the T-HSJCC met on June 11, 2018.

• The T-HSJCC is partnering with the Complex Care Sub-Committee. The T-HSJCC recommended to continue with the Service Resolution project and gather more data for a final report. (To address whether we engage with existing tables or

create a separate table)? The next T-HSJCC meeting will take place on October 31, 2018.

Presenter for the next meeting: Because we are having a Lunch and Learn at the next meeting of November 7th, presenter will not be required.

Actions:

- Domenica Dileo to send an email asking for Lunch and Learn topics of interest and logistics for the November Lunch and Learn session.
- Erin Anstey to inform Domenica whether meeting space is available at Scarborough Hospital for our next meeting.
- Domenica Dileo to circulate the following: Concept Mapping study participation letter, EENet – knowledge exchange network.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, November 7, 2018 from 1- 3:00 p.m. (meeting is extended by 30 minutes due to the Lunch and Learn session taking place from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.). Location 1225 Kennedy Rd. Unit 'J'.