

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

# Meeting Minutes November 1, 2016 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Scarborough Probation and Parole Office 2131 Lawrence Ave. East, #200

**Present:** Mary Jarrell, Crown Attorney's Office (Co Chair); Michele Graham, CHIRS (Co-Chair); Samim Hasham, Morrish Pharmacy; Susan Boucaud, Toronto East Detention Centre; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Arlene Alexander, Cota; Alexandra Angelidis, Probation and Parole; Ceclia Kwok, Probation and Parole; Vincent Lee, Toronto East Detention Centre; Jennifer Emanoilidis, CMHA; Veronica Snooks, Voices from the Street; Jennifer Rogers, Toronto East Detention Centre; Jill Corpuz, Toronto Bail Program; Tanjie Byah, Toronto Bail Program; Sabrina Cocuzza, Toronto Bail Program

**Regrets:** Erwin Black, Cota; Janice Sellon, East Metro Youth Service; Jennie Hawking, Cota; Carole Sinclair, CAMH; Sharon Williams, Scarborough Hospital; Tammy Alston, CMHA

#### **Welcome and Introductions:**

- Everyone introduced themselves
- Michele Graham is Co-chairing the meeting with Mary Jarrell
- The meeting began at 1:30 p.m following the Lunch and Learn
- Members found the Lunch and Learn informative and interactive. Samim Hasham was thanked for her presentation.
- Alexandra Angelidis and Cecillia Know from Guns and Gangs, Probation and Parole Officer were welcomed to the committee.

#### Review and Approval of Minutes of September 13, 2016

• The minutes were approved.

### **Action Items Follow-up**

- Mary Jarrell informed the committee that if anyone is interested in Co-chairing the meetings to contact Domenica Dileo. Samim Hasham has agreed to Co-chair the next meeting with Mary Jarrell.
- The second Doodle survey result was conducted to determine the best meeting day and time whether to have the meetings in the a.m. or p.m. Wednesdays from 1:00 2:30 was the preferred day for most members who participated in the survey. A total of eleven committee members participated. Mary Jarrell will look at available

space at the Scarborough courthouse, 1911 Eglinton Avenue East to hold our future meetings. The hope is that moving the meeting location to the courthouse will enhance the justice sector participation. Next meeting date will be Wednesday January  $11^{th}$  from 12:30 to 2:30 as we will have a Lunch and Learn prior to the meeting.

- Vincent Lee reported on the OTN. Toronto East Detention Centre have the unit. It is secured inside a cage for safety reasons. It has been tested on the OTN network and it does work. OTN is telemedicine that hooks up inmates to service providers. Doing a few more test before it will be used. Are looking at Ontario Shores to use OTN for fitness assessments.
- Samim Hasham reported on the Legal Aid Ontario (LAO) Mental Health Strategy. The main themes are:
- MH strategy was released on March 11, 2016. Plan to introduce new services and programs across the province for mental health clients. For example, have legal services available where mental health clients can more easily access drop-in centres, psychiatric facilities and out patient services.
- Working with the Mental Health Commission of Canada and the CMHA, Ontario to develop training so that LAO staff, clinic staff and private lawyers can better identify MH rights and options.
- Expanding legal aid coverage to allow for coverage for MH bail hearings and reviews
- LAO will help prepare victims for their appearance in court trials.
- Creation of a permanent LAO policy counsel position to promote, coordinate and harmonize these initiatives across Ontario.
- 42% of legal clients are between the ages of 18 and 30 when most mental illness onset.
- 1 in 3 clients receiving legal aid certificate have a mental illness or addiction.
- 400,000 more Ontarians with low income will have access to legal aid by 2016.

#### **Presentation**

There was no presentation because we had a Lunch and Learn prior to the meeting on "Navigating Prescription Medication: Current Changes" with Samim Hasham.

#### **Lunch and Learns**

- Domenica Dileo surveyed the committee for preferred topics. The top two were: Community Treatment Order and RX Management. We completed the RX management Lunch and Learn.
- It was agreed that the next Lunch & Learn will be on January 11th, 2017 on Community Treatment Order. Domenica Dileo is working on finding a presenter for this topic. If you have a speaker suggestion please let her know.

### **Agency/Organization Updates**

Vincent Lee reported that the Toronto East Detention Centre is reinstating the special needs unit.

## **Service Coordination/Resolution Issues**

No issues identified

#### **Toronto and Provincial - HSJCC**

- The P-HSJCC is developing a new website. More to come.
- Members would like the Provincial conference information to be circulated. Domenica Dileo will follow up.

**Choose a presenter for the next meeting:** Presenter not required since we will have a Lunch and Learn.

#### **Actions:**

• Domenica Dileo will circulate the Provincial Conference information **Next Meeting:** 

Wednesday, January  $11^{th}$ , 2017 at Scarborough Courthouse 1911 Eglinton Avenue, East from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The meeting will end later because we will have a Lunch and Learn from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. instead of 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.