



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

Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2018

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

1225 Kennedy Rd. Scarborough Hospital Community Outreach

Lunch and Learn from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. (followed by the regular meeting)

Present: Dr. Samim Hasham, Pharmacist (Co-chair); Tazio Clarke (Co-chair), East Detention Centre (TEDC); Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Paula Konstantinidis, Judiciary; Beckey Paonessa, Salvation Army; Rahema Mohamed, Agincourt Community Services; Steven Torresan, Dream Team; Jhanelle Peters, Toronto Housing; Halino Hashin, Scarborough Hospital, Social Worker (student); Desiree Pereira, Scarborough, Hospital, Social Worker (student); Jawad Bhatti, Scarborough Hospital, Social Worker(student), Melissa Lynch, TEDC

Regrets: Natalie Reitmeier, CHIRS; Tammy Alston, CMHA; Amber Aguthrie, Toronto Bail Program; Jennifer Rogers, (TEDC); Scott Skinner, Toronto Network of Specialized Care; Sharon Williams, Scarborough Hospital; Jennifer Emanoilidis, CMHA; Erwin Black, Cota; Alexandra Angelidis, Probation and Parole

Welcome and Introductions:

- Everyone introduced themselves

Lunch and Learn:

Conversation on Mental Health, the Legal Profession and Racialized Communities in Scarborough with Peter J. Ackie, Across Boundaries, Court Support Worker

Themes discussed: Intersection of race, mental health and the legal system; who you are is affected by biases thus producing social inequality. This can impact clients MH and relationship to the justice system.

Across Boundaries has two psychiatrists, no wait time

Peter Ackie was thanked for the informative, thought provoking presentation. PowerPoint slide decks will be circulated.

Review and Approval of Minutes of September 12, 2018

- The minutes were approved. Tazio Clarke was welcomed as the new Co-chair of the committee.

Action Items Follow-up

Reviewed and completed

Lunch and Learns

Discussion ensued regarding the next Lunch and Learn on Human Trafficking. Domenica Dileo reported on potential presenter from Covenant House. It was agreed to contact East Metro Youth Services (EMYS) in Scarborough who have a Human Trafficking prevention/intervention program. Domenica and Rahema will follow-up with contacting the EMYS.

Themes to address in the session: Strategies on how to deal with suspicions of Human Trafficking? What is the law?

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

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.

Agency/Organization Updates

Dr. Samim Hasham reported on the **Big White Wall** – a new *free* online resource that is available to individuals age 16+ anywhere in Ontario struggling with mental health concerns. Fostering access to psychotherapy.

Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Funded by the government of Ontario.

Please take a moment to follow this link

(https://training.otn.ca/pluginfile.php/43106/mod_resource/content/1/html/) to learn more about how it works and the populations that it is best suited for. It can be a great resource to offer to patients for added support at home or following discharge.

Steven Torresan reported on a new program hosted by the Second Chance Foundation for women who have been incarcerated.

Dr. Samim Hasham reported on the NEW! Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act to help raise awareness about calling 911 and/or emergency services in case of an overdose.

Justice Paula Konstantinidis thanked Domenica for the language used in the emails and information sharing.

Service Coordination/Resolution Issues

None

Updates from T-HSJCC and Provincial HSJCC

Tazio Clarke reported on the T-HSJCC meeting that took place on October 31, 2018. Main agenda item was the Service Resolution Project. The T-HSJCC reviewed two Service Resolution (SR) Project options for the HSJCC to support and next steps.

SR project: To identify gaps in access and support for individuals with complex needs in the justice system; Develop recommendations for integration of justice supports into the existing social and justice systems

Two options were presented. Pros and cons were discussed for Option 1 and 2. Option 1 is to continue supporting the Justice Coordinator role. Option 2 is to explore a Local HSJCC to transform into a SR table. There was concern that Option 2 requires more resources. The committee unanimously agreed to continue with Option 1 but continue to explore Option 2. Service Resolution differ from the situation/spider table as they address elevated risks not chronic issues and/or service gaps. Scarborough was acknowledged that it is underfunded.

The T-HSJCC to pursue and secure additional funding to support either option.

Presenter for the next meeting: Because we are having a Lunch and Learn at the next meeting of January 9th, presenter will not be required.

Actions:

Domenica Dileo to follow up on the Human Trafficking Lunch and Learn session's logistics. Tazio Clarke will connect Domenica with EMYS contact re Human Trafficking.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, January 9th, 2019 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 1911 Eglinton Avenue, East, Scarborough Courthouse, Courtroom 402.