



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

Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2019

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

CMHA, 1200 Markham Rd, Suite 500

Present: Dr. Samim Hasham, Pharmacist (Co-chair); Tazio Clarke (Co-chair), East Detention Centre (TEDC); Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Paula Konstantinidis, Judiciary; Steven Torresan, Dream Team; Tammy Alston, CMHA; Sharon Williams, Scarborough Hospital; Erwin Black, Cota; Scott Skinner Surrey Place; Natalie Reitmeier, CHIRS; Jennifer Emanoilidis, CMHA; Sheryl Lindsay, Anishnawbe Health Centre; Beckey Paonessa, Salvation Army

Regrets: Rahema Mohamed, Agincourt Community Services; Cecilia Kwok, Probation and Parole; Erin Anstey, Scarborough Hospital; Amber Aguthrie, Toronto Bail Program; Alexandra Angelidis, Probation and Parole

Welcome and Introductions:

Everyone introduced themselves

Review and Approval of Minutes of March 6, 2019

Erwin Black approved the minutes, seconded by Tammy Alston.

Presentation: Sheryl Lindsay, Aboriginal Mental Health & Addiction Services Coordinator at the Anishnawbe Health Centre

The Rapid Access Addiction Medicine Program (RAAM) program opened in November 2018.

The RAAM at Anishnawbe Health Toronto is located at 4 Charles St. 3rd floor, at the corner of Yonge and Charles St. East.

The RAAM offers support to Indigenous community members who are living with alcohol, opioid or other substance use issues. The program will offer assessment of substance use issues, access to addiction medications (opiate replacement and anti-alcohol craving) and ongoing community support. Nurse Practitioner is part of the team, including doctor and psychiatrist.

The program has walk - in hours: Monday 9-12, Wednesdays and Thursdays 1-4pm at the Charles St. location. If you have a client that you think might be interested, but cannot come during walk-in hours, or may need additional support getting to the program then please email or call Sheryl.

Sherly's contact information is slindsay@aht.ca or 416-657-0379. Their aim is for the program to be as accessible as possible.

Themes discussed:

Can provide referral letter re: the scope of the program, can take referral from detention centres as part of discharge planning, no waitlist, have two mobile case managers. Clients can be referred to internal programs such as primary care, no catchment area but population specific, identity is based on self-identification, use both western and traditional healing practices.

Sherly was thanked for an interactive and informative presentation.

Action Items Follow-up

Reviewed and completed

Lunch and Learns

Suggestions for future Lunch and Learns were discussed:

- Cannabis withdrawal update
- Sex Offender registry- Pros and Cons
- Ethics & Capacity at CAMH
- Court Diversion Program (meeting presentation)
- Immigration and Mental Health

Domenica Dileo will survey committee members to identify priority topics for November and January Lunch and Learns.

Agency/Organization Updates

- Erwin Black reported that he attended a workshop dealing with mental health and housing service gaps. Gaps identified are client's discrimination, not enough housing and no repair request follow up. Erwin will share housing outcome from the workshop with the committee. Attended naloxone training at Cota and was informed that OHIP card is not required for naloxone kit.
- Tammy reported on the CMHA mental Health and Justice program. There is no waitlist for case management services. Referral form will be circulated.
- Tazio reported that the TEDC has a volunteer program and they are trying to partner with mental health facilities/organization.
- Samim Hasham reported that opioids laced with benzos are surfacing. If anyone has information on the Scarborough Hospital merging, please share.

Service Coordination/Resolution Issues

None

Updates from T-HSJCC and Provincial HSJCC

Dr. Samim Hasham reported on the next T-HSJCC meeting is on May 8th, 2019.

Provincial conference is taking place November 4-6th, 2019: Colouring Outside the Lines, more information to follow. There will be a presentation on the New Courthouse.

Presenter for the next meeting: Dr. Samim Hasham will present on Cannabis.

Actions:

- Domenica will survey members to find out Lunch and Learn priority topics for November and January
- Domenica will circulate the CMHA, Mental Health and Justice referral form.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday September 11, 2019 from 1- 2:30 p.m. Location TBD.