



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

### **Meeting Minutes**

**September 11, 2019**

**1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**CMHA, 1200 Markham Rd, Suite 500**

**Present:** Dr. Samim Hasham, Pharmacist (Co-chair); Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Steven Torresan, Dream Team; Tammy Alston, CMHA; Erwin Black, Cota; Natalie Reitmeier, CHIRS; Alexandra Angelidis, Probation and Parole; Patrick Whiffen, Probation and Parole; Monica Mokha, East Detention Centre (TEDC)

**Regrets:** Tazio Clarke (Co-chair), East Detention Centre (TEDC); Cecilia Kwok, Probation and Parole; Amber Aguthrie, Toronto Bail Program; Sharon Williams, Scarborough Hospital; Paula Konstantinidis, Judiciary; Beckey Paonessa, Salvation Army; Scott Skinner, Surrey Place

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

Everyone introduced themselves. Tammy Alston was thanked for booking the meeting room. Samim Hasham reported that Tazio Clarke has a new position at Victim Services, he will continue with the S-HSJCC Co-chair position.

It was suggested that for introductions attendees can state their name, the population they work with and funding changes at their organization.

Erwin Black – Cota received 100 housing units of one bedroom suites. Max amount per unit is \$1200. Unit for Cota clients and they can apply through Access Point.

Alexandra Angeidis reported that she is no longer working at the Guns and Gangs unit. Clients are younger, case load is going down as many clients rare eferred to mental health diversion program.

Patrick Whiffen was welcomed as a new member. He reported that it is challenging for clients to meet with a psychiatrist. Many clients with substance use issues and lack of affordable housing.

Tammy Alston reported that she is seeing younger clients as well as, increased needs of complex clients.

Steven Torresan reported that he is involved with housing advocacy.

Samim Hasham is a consultant, pharmacist Co-chair of the S-HSJCC and a certified CBT specific to the South Asian Community. Funding changes - TD bank and TELUS are moving in the health care field.

Themes discussed: If we can show shared needs we can work collectively to address them. To explore public and private partnerships in addressing identified gaps.

## **Review and Approval of Minutes of May 1, 2019**

Erwin Black approved the minutes, seconded by Tammy Alston.

### **Review Action Items:**

Reviewed and completed

- Members evaluation summary was circulated prior to the meeting. Overall, the feedback was positive. Lunch and Learns continue to do well.
- **Medical Files Transfer Fee Survey:**
- Domenica reported that 17 members completed the survey from four locals and one regional table.
- The following question was asked: Have your patients/clients experienced payment to transfer their medical files in order to access medical care?
- From the respondents we had a large range 30- 70 clients in the last 12 months had to pay a fee to see a new family doctor for their transfer.
- Survey results will be brought to the regional table for discussion.

### **Presentation:** NPower Canada with Sheryll Smith

NPower Canada launches youth (18-29) into meaningful IT/Digital careers by providing free technical and professional training, paid internships, job placement and post hire support. NPower Canada currently offers two different training streams in three locations across the GTA (downtown Toronto, York Region and Peel Region) and in Calgary, Alberta. They work with the mental health and addictions communities.

The program is free and runs for 15-weeks.

Eligibility: Participants must be finished high school, demonstrate financial needs, may have criminal records, mental health and or addiction issues, are legally able to work in Canada, have strong English language proficiency, are unemployed/underemployed, are motivated to find work.

The customer services digital program is only offered in Toronto.

These programs are funded by industry, mainly RBC and United Way. NPower is a non-profit organization.

Graduates' certificates are accepted worldwide.

90% of participants have work after graduation.

Offer support for 5 years after getting a job.

Sheryll contact information is: [Sheryll.Smith@npowercanada.ca](mailto:Sheryll.Smith@npowercanada.ca)

Sheryll was thanked for an interactive and informative presentation.

### **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

It was agreed that the next Lunch and Learn will take place on November 13, 2019 from 1-2:00 pm followed by the regular meeting. The topic will be Cannabis and Methamphetamine.

**Agency/Organization Updates**

None

**Service Coordination/Resolution Issues**

None

**Updates from T-HSJCC and Provincial HSJCC.**

The T-HSJCC had a presentation on the Justice Centres at the June 16, 2019 meeting. There will be four centres across the province in Kenora, London, Toronto- Downtown East (Adults aged 18+) and Toronto- Northwest (Youth focus). The Justice Centres are funded through the Guns and Gangs Strategy. Scarborough is not included in the Justice Centres. Provincial conference is taking place November 4-6<sup>th</sup>, 2019: Colouring Outside the Lines, more information to follow. The next T-HSJCC meeting will take place on October 16<sup>th</sup> 2019. Conference subsidy are still available.

**Presenter for the next meeting:** Not required because we will have a Lunch and Learn.

**Actions:**

Domenica Dileo will oversee the logistics for the next Lunch and Learn on Cannabis and Methamphetamine.

**Next Meeting:**

Wednesday November 13, 2019 from 1- 3:00 p.m. There will be a lunch and learn from 1-2:00 pm followed by the regular meeting. Location TBD.