



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

Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2019

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Scarborough Courthouse, 1911 Eglinton Avenue East, Courtroom 402

Present: Dr. Samim Hasham, Pharmacist (Co-chair); Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Steven Torresan, Dream Team; Tammy Alston, CMHA; Erwin Black, Cota; Natalie Reitmeier, CHIRS; Cecilia Kwok, Probation and Parole; Robert Koslowski, Peer Worker; Paula Konstantinidis, Judiciary; Becky Paonessa, Salvation Army

Regrets: Tazio Clarke (Co-chair), East Detention Centre (TEDC); Amber Aguthrie, Toronto Bail Program; Sharon Williams, Scarborough Hospital; Scott Skinner, Surrey Place; Alexandra Angelidis, Probation and Parole; Monica Mokha, East Detention Centre (TEDC); Patrick Whiffen, Probation and Parole

Welcome and Introductions:

Everyone introduced themselves.

It was suggested that we start with agency/organization updates.

Agency/Organization Updates

- Paula Konstantinidis reported that there has been an increase with special Bail hearings as well as changes with operation and legal aids cuts. It was suggested to ask Yolanda Edward Duty Counsel to present at a meeting and/or a Lunch and learn.
- Cecilia Kwok reported that Probation and Parole has an annual job fair for people who have a criminal record.
- Becky Paonessa reported on her positive experience at the Provincial HSJCC Conference. She was able to attend the conference because of the bursary that was provided. She gained meaningful insight for her ministry, and for connection with a variety of services. She also reported that due to funding the Salvation Army is not providing service at Toronto South Detention Centre and Toronto East Detention Centre.
- Eric Black reported that Cota is increasing the participation of people with lived experience.

Review and Approval of Minutes of September 11, 2019

Erwin Black approved the minutes, seconded by Cecilia Kwok.

Review Action Items:

Reviewed and complete.

Presentation: Lunch and Learn presentation on Cannabis and Methamphetamine took place.

Lunch and Learns

Suggestions for future Lunch and Learns were discussed:

- Guns and Gangs
- LGBT&Q+ gender identity
- Legal Aid changes

It was agreed that the next Lunch and Learn will take place on January 8, 2020 from 1-2:00 pm followed by the regular meeting. The topic will be Guns and Gangs from the Probation and Parole perspective. Cecilia Kwok will present.

Service Coordination/Resolution Issues

None

Updates from T-HSJCC and Provincial HSJCC.

Domenica Dileo reported on the Provincial conference that took place on November 4-6th, 2019. 451 people attended the conference. Participants indicated that they would like to know more about collaboration.

Domenica Dileo reported on the Service Resolution discussion at the Toronto Regional meeting of October 16, 2019. She provided the context of the Service Resolution process. Newberry consultants were hired and made recommendations,. There is a Complex Care Sub Committee that reports to the Toronto Regional HSJCC. Rhona Zitney was hired as the Service Resolution Justice Coordinator; she had a broad mandate consisting of one day per week. Her main role has been education and capacity building. In the past several years there has been changes in the system i.e Focus Tables. What is the best way to serve complex clients in the justice system? Can we identify what the gaps are? Role of the DT-HSJCC?

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 Guns and Gangs.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday January 8, 2020 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.