



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

Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2020

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

CMHA, 1200 Markham Rd, Suite 500, Scarborough

Present: Dr. Samim Hasham, Pharmacist (Co-chair); Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Tammy Alston, CMHA; Cecilia Kwok, Probation and Parole; Robert Koslowski, Peer Worker; Beckey Paonessa, Salvation Army; Tazio Clarke (Co-chair), Victim Services Toronto; Sharon Williams, Scarborough Hospital; Rachel Ross-Vance, CMHA; Michael Daring, Youth Justice & All Youth; Arifah Yusuf, Lifted by Purpose; Joy Boatswain; Centennial College

Regrets: Amber Aguthrie, Toronto Bail Program; Patrick Whiffen, Probation and Parole; Natalie Reitmeier, CHIRS; Paula Konstantinidis, Judiciary; Scott Skinner, Surrey Place; Erwin Black, Cota

Welcome and Introductions:

Everyone introduced themselves.

Agency/Organization Updates

Members were asked to report on any changes taking place at their organization. Beckey reported that the Salvation Army is no longer providing TTC tokens at the courthouses. She will ask management for the total amount of funds that are no longer being used for transportation.

Sharon reported that there is a new Chief of Psychiatry at the Scarborough Hospital. Discussion ensued about creating a directory for resources in Scarborough. Domenica will follow up on a proposal – how to do this.

Presentation (1) Michael Daring from Youth Justice & All Youth – Toronto Youth Partnership & Employment (TYPE). Program criteria is youths in conflict with the law, age 16-29. The end goal of the program is employment, but first step is building a relationship with the client. He works with guns and gangs programs, who make referrals. The program has case management teams throughout the city. Clients are struggling with employment. They provide intensive case management and have partnership with 43 and 54 police division. The case management team has 30-40 clients each. Michael work area is Scarborough. He can be reach by text message or phone. He was welcomed to join the S-HSJCC committee.

Presentation (2) Arifah Yusuf is the ED at Lifted by Purpose. A music stress management program. Arifah has a background in SW. The program was founded in 2012 and uses

trauma-informed approach for youth ages 16-29, involved with the justice system, and/or living on the margin. The program is 20 weeks in length – this includes 14 weeks of addressing stress management and 6 weeks of individual capacity building. They can provide community hours and a letter of support, are able to hire youth who have completed the program and provide honorarium. Most referrals come from Probation and Parole and alumni. Recently they are going into prison to provide inmates training on grief and loss. Speakers receive honorarium. They have access to a boxing gym. They have developed their own tool kits and wellness plans. Use a HeartMath technology for participants to identify their feelings. Participants receive a certificate when they complete the program. Use therapistaid.com website to access program resources.

Presentation (3) Joy Boatswain is from Centennial College. They have a tuition free academic upgrading program for people over 19 years old. Students have access to all Centennial College resources and who provides tokens. Program runs on a semester schedule, day and evening courses available. They have an agreement with all Colleges that the program is A.C.E. equivalent. Criminal record does not hinder acceptance. Because the college is provincially-funded there is no catchment area, anyone who lives in Ontario can apply.

Presenters were thanked for an informative and engaging presentation.

Review and Approval of Minutes of January 8, 2020

Becky Paonessa approved the minutes, seconded by Robert Koslowski

Review Action Items:

Reviewed and complete.

Lunch and Learns

The January Lunch and Learn on Guns and Gangs was a success. A total of 23 people attended the session which was held at the Probation and Parole Office.

Approval of Workplan for 2020-2021

The workplan was circulated prior to the meeting and approved at the meeting.

Budget includes two Lunch and Learns, TTC tokens, Food Vouchers, and Honorarium: Totaling \$2,520 (\$880 TTC tokens, \$700 food vouchers, \$540 Lunch and Learns, \$480 Honorariums)

Service Coordination/Resolution Issues

None

Updates from T-HSJCC and Provincial HSJCC.

Next Toronto Regional meeting will take place on March 18, 2020. Samim reported that there was a regional meeting on January 22nd. Gilbert Sharpe advisor to Minister Tibollo

attended this meeting. Discussion ensued on - If you have two things to tell Minister Tibollo about how to improve mental health and justice services, what would they be? He reported that their will be 20 focus session throughout the province.

Action Items

Domenica to invite Scott McKean from the Community Safety & Wellbeing Toronto Plan

Domenica to propose a plan for a Scarborough resource directory.

Presenter for the next meeting: To invite Scott McKean from the Community Safety & Wellbeing Toronto Plan.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, May 6, 2020 from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Location to be determined.