



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

### **Meeting Minutes**

**January 7, 2014**

**1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**Scarborough Probation and Parole Office  
2131 Lawrence Ave. East, #200**

**Present:** Susan Boucaud (Co-chair), Toronto East Detention Centre; Carole Sinclair (Co-chair), MAARS/SAAP, CAMH; Karina Frost, Cota; Sharon Williams, Scarborough Hospital; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Mary Jarrell, Crown Attorney's Office; Patricia Pagnani, Toronto Bail Program; Amy Warren, Lakeridge Health Centre/Pinewood Centre; Michele Graham, CHIRS; Dale Nichiporik, Toronto Police Service; Janice Sellon, East Metro Youth Services; Samim Hasham, Morrish Pharmacy; Paul Rowe, Toronto Police Service; Eric MacMullin, (on behalf of Flo Skinner) Rouge Valley Health System; Karen White, Developmental Services Ontario; Sharon Allen Elliot, Second Base Youth Shelter

**Regrets:** David Raponi-Monk; John Howard Society; Erwin Black, Cota; Chris Moore, MCSCS Probation and Parole Office; Umwali Sollange Justice Collaborative, Implementation Coordinator; Antonella Wilson, CMHA; Beth Eisenberg, Griffin Centre; Sandy Fermanavski, Scarborough HOPE, Homeless to ODSP Project

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

- The committee welcomed new members Samim Hasham, Morrish Pharmacy; Karen White, Developmental Services Ontario; Karina Frost, Cota; and Paul Rowe, Toronto Police Service
- Everybody introduced themselves.

#### **Review and Approval of November 5, 2013 minutes**

- The minutes were approved.

#### **Business Arising:**

- Carole Sinclair provided background regarding people with lived experience joining the committee. HSJCC has an honorarium policy for people with lived experience who participate. Membership options were discussed, as well as the pros and cons.
- It was decided to have two permanent members who are 18 years or older.

- An ad hoc committee was created with Eric MacMullin, Karina Frost, Carole Sinclair, Amy Warren, and Paul Rowe. They will explore the following:
  - including people on the committee with lived experience as a pilot project
  - determining the priority population from which to invite members
  - examining conflict with the law issues, i.e., before the court situation obligation to inform the committee

### **Presentation – Karen White on Developmental Services Ontario (DSO-Toronto Region)**

- A brochure *About Developmental Services Ontario Toronto Region* and eligibility sheet were distributed.
- There are 9 DSOs across the province, as of July 2011. DSO organizations are the access point for adults (over age 18) to developmental services across the province. Individuals are encouraged to contact DSO at 16 years of age to ensure that they will access the service when they are 18.
- As of July 2011, there is a common provincial eligibility definition and confirmation process.
- A person's psychological assessment must indicate an overall of two standardized deviations below the mean of 75 or lower, or a clinically significant description such as "mildly delayed range". When someone's overall IQ does not meet the cognitive criteria, specific subscale results are looked at. When someone has met the cognitive criteria, adaptive functioning is looked at. This includes practical, conceptual, and social skills.
- If eligible, candidates receive an application package. Once it is completed, goals are worked out and matched with what is available in the community. Service is provided first to the highest priority and highest needs.
- 300 people are waiting for a family support worker; 30-40 are picked up each year.
- The benefit of having a DSO database is that it is known how many people are on the waitlist in Ontario.
- Passport funding program provides special services at home to build socialization skills.
- Anybody can make a referral, including special education teachers and schools.

### **Agency/Organization Updates**

- Eric MacMullin reported that Scarborough and Rouge Valley will likely complete the merger in the next few months.

### **Service Coordination/Resolution Issues**

- Susan Boucaud reported on the issues identified regarding continuity of care for the homeless population who are not connected to a caseworker, and who have no fixed address, contact information, drug card, or ID and need medication. Steve Lurie was thanked for referring Samin Hasham, Morrish Pharmacy to the committee. The committee is not excluding the services of other pharmacies and welcomes collaborations that assist the homeless sector.

- Samim Hasham, a community pharmacist in Scarborough, works with the homeless mental health substance abuse population. She is able to continue providing medication when people are discharged from detention or hospital but needs a prescription. There needs to be a link between the pharmacist and the prescribing doctor. For example, when a person is released from detention they will have limited medication with them but will have been informed to go to Morrish Pharmacy who will help them with refills.
- The contact information for Morrish Pharmacy, is # 2 - 3600 Ellesmere Road, Scarborough, ON, M1C 4Y8 - 416-287-6674.
- Often a homeless person not only needs their prescription filled but they need shelter, ID and drug cards from OW/ODSP. The community pharmacist can facilitate a referral process to the appropriate human services to provide timely and seamless continuity of care for the homeless population.
- It was decided that the various stakeholders such as Morrish Pharmacy, OW/ODSP, Hostels, medical providers and the police will continue to fine tune the details of how they will work together to assist with the needs of the homeless population. This new stakeholder initiative will be a pilot project and updates will be provided at the S-HSJCC meetings. Thus far the pilot project stakeholders are: Community Pharmacist, Police, Hostels, Scarborough HOPE, Homeless to ODSP Project
- Paul Rowe reported on what the police can offer to this pilot project. Calls from Morrish Pharmacy to the police will be flagged so officers have an informed response. Samin Hasham and Paul Rowe will exchange contact information and jointly draft what notifications will come up for police when Morrish Pharmacy places an EMS call.
- A round robin was done regarding any other problems that may occur because of the collaboration and none were stated. Members acknowledged that the collaborative supports the identified need.
- The committee requested information about how to get identification in order to access medical or social services. Carole Sinclair will find out who from the ID clinics can come and present at an S-HSJCC meeting.

### **T-HSJCC and P-HSJCC Update**

- Carole Sinclair provided a report on the T-HSJCC. The Enabling Change project is in progress, with March 2014 as the completion date. The goal of the project is to equip justice professionals to better respond to MH issues, and to recognize and make recommendations about directing resources. CAMH is developing an online training curriculum package.
- The P-HSJCC conference "*The Changing World from Youth to Elderly in Human Services & Justice* on November 25-27, 2013 was a success. 400 people attended. The HSJCC website has the keynote speakers and most sessions <http://www.hsjcc.on.ca>.
- The next meeting of the Justice Collaborative is January 15, 2014. Discharge planning is the selected gap. The next step is to look at intervention options. The meeting will be at 454 College St. (College and Bathurst)

**Actions:**

- Samim Hasham and Paul Rowe will exchange contact information.
- Carole Sinclair will find out who from the ID clinics can come and present at the S-HSJCC meeting.

**Next Meeting**

- March 4, 2013 at 2131 Lawrence Ave. East, #200
- The presentation will be from Cota.