



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

Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2014

1:00 – 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/SASP, CAMH; Karina Frost, Cota; Sharon Williams, Scarborough Hospital; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Amy Warren, Lakeridge Health Centre/Pinewood Centre; Julie-Anne Nayler, Lakeridge Health Centre; Michele Graham, CHIRS; Sharon Allen Elliot, Second Base Youth Shelter; David Raponi-Monk; John Howard Society; Erwin Black, Cota; Chris Moore, MCSCS Probation and Parole Office; Antonella Wilson, CMHA; Lynda Lingard, Bail Program; Neil Longley, Toronto East Detention Centre; Chantal Smith, TEDC, Social Worker Student; Parveen Sachdeva, Scarborough Housing Help Centre (on behalf of Monica McWhirter), Glen Gifford, Agincourt Community Services Association, Carmen Quest, Vanier

Regrets: Umwali Sollange, Justice Collaborative, Implementation Coordinator; Samim Hasham, Morrish Pharmacy; Dale Nichiporik, Toronto Police Service; Paul Rowe, Toronto Police Service; Eric MacMullin, Rouge Valley Health System; Flo Skinner, Rouge Valley Health System; Debbie Lynch, CTYS, New Outlook.

Welcome and Introductions:

- The committee welcomed new members Glen Gifford, Agincourt Community Services Association; Julie-Anne Nayler, Lakeridge Health Centre/Pinewood Centre, Carmen Quest, Vanier; Lynda Lingard, Bail Program; Parveen Sachdeva, Scarborough Housing Help Centre
- Everybody introduced themselves.
- Domenica Dileo will ensure that name tags for committee members are available at meetings.

Review and Approval of Minutes of November 5, 2013

- The minutes were approved.

Presentation – Erwin Black and Karina Frost, Cota, Scarborough Mental Health & Justice Program

- A pamphlet about Cota was distributed. Cota supports adults with mental health and cognitive challenges to live in the community. It is a program for people

facing mental health challenges in court and the jail system. It serves individuals 16 years and older.

- Cota works collaboratively with Parole to ensure client goals are met. They have a release-planning worker with the west courthouse.
- Cota has safe beds in Scarborough. Clients with mental health issues and involvement with justice can stay there for thirty days.
- Limited housing resources is a major gap that makes it difficult to ensure the conditions set by parole. The main client issue currently is fire safety.
- Cota provides a support worker who meets with client once per week, housing subsidy programs, and connections with the property company. For clients with language needs other than English, Cota will access an interpreter service, MCIS.
- The Step-By-Step program merged with the MH and Housing.
- For mental Health and Housing application apply through CASH. The general CASH waitlist is 6-12 months.

Work Plan 2014-2015.

- It was decided to add the pilot project re: Consumer Survivor Participation
- It was decided to have two Lunch and Learns per year. They will be part of the S-HSJCC meeting and will take place at the same locations as the meetings. When we have a Lunch and Learn, the S-HSJCC meeting will be extended by about 30 minutes.

Budget for 2014-2015

The following minimum budget was suggested:

- Tim Hortons vouchers - \$500.00
- TTC tokens - \$500.00
- Lunch and Learns (30 people X 8.00 X 2 events) - \$480.00
- Total: \$1,480.00

Pilot Project – Consumer Survivor Participation

- Carole Sinclair reported on the pilot project. The following members are part of the working group: Eric MacMullin, Amy Warren (as a consultant), Paul Rowe, Sharon Williams, Robin Bowerman and Domenica Dileo.
- The working group conceptual framework was distributed at the meeting.
- The working group is looking at best practices for including people with lived experience on the committee.
- It was agreed that the time frame for the project is 1 year and to have two positions.
- It was suggested that membership criteria to be expanded to all members.
- Antonella Wilson and Erwin Black agreed to look at useful guidelines or models for how their respective agencies include people with lived experience.

Police, OW and Pharmacy Coordination

- The stakeholders are: Community Pharmacist, Police, Hostels, Scarborough HOPE, and Homeless to ODSP Project.
- Glen Gifford meet with Samim Hasham from Morrish Pharmacy to discuss how ACSA's homeless services might support Samim when such clients present at the pharmacy. Samim Hasham will be working with staff at Agincourt Community Services Association to provide preventative health and wellness information, including medication symptoms.
- It was suggested that Kelsii Naeimi, Identification Worker who provides ID for people, be invited to do a Lunch and Learn or a presentation.
- Steve Lurie was thanked for referring Samim Hasham to the committee.

Agency/Organization Updates

- Erwin Black reported that Cota is starting a partnership with St. Michael's Hospital to provide Intensive Case Management to Toronto East. Erwin Black will provide more information at the next meeting.
- Glen Gifford reported that Agincourt Community Services Association is waiting for a decision to be made about a funding proposal for high needs case management.
- Neil Longley will be replaced by Brian Bell.
- Carole Sinclair reported that Metro Addictions Referral has been rolled into CAMH. There are no changes to the program except for centralizing one phone number. The MAARS assessment phone line will now answer with Access Assessment not MAARS.
- Carole Sinclair reported on the Scarborough Addictions Services Partnership funding 9 projects. They are:
 - Renewed projects:
 - John Howard Society – Scarborough Mosaic Addictions Response Team (addictions treatment for men at risk of justice involvement in English & Tamil)
 - Agincourt Community Services Association – Evictions Prevention Harm Reduction Program (short-term case management for clients facing eviction dealing with addiction)
 - West Scarborough Neighbourhood Centre – Got 2 Change project (youth addictions & harm reduction counselling & parent information session)
 - Salvation Army Homestead – Family Support Program (information sessions, group treatment & phone support)
 - New projects:
 - Malvern Family Resource Centre – harm reduction & outreach to women
 - East Metro Youth Services – addictions treatment groups for parents with addictions in partnership with WSNCC
 - Canadian Mental Health Organization – smoking cessation for clients with severe & persistent mental illness

- Heritage Skills Development Centre – addictions outreach, education, referral & harm reduction to Kennedy/Eglinton area with focus on youth of Afro/Caribbean descent
- Homes First Scarborough Shelter – substance abuse awareness day designed by, and for, residents

Service Coordination/Resolution Issues

- No issues were identified.

T-HSJCC and P-HSJCC Updates

- 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. It's using three-prong approach. Domenica Dileo will distribute the curriculum slide deck with the minutes. If you have scenarios dealing with mental health communication barriers than can be included in the curriculum, please send them to Domenica Dileo.
- The Justice Collaborative has identified an intervention and has a hybrid model to improve service collaboration. It will look at holistic needs and different needs assessment tools. LAO and the Reintegration Centre will be key players.

Actions:

- Domenica Dileo will ensure that members have name tags.
- Antonella Wilson and Erwin Black will look at their organization models that include people with lived experience.
- Erwin Black will provide more information on Cota's partnership with St. Michael's Hospital at the next meeting.
- Domenica Dileo will distribute the Enabling Change Curriculum slide deck. If you have scenarios dealing with mental health communication barriers that could be included in the curriculum please send them to Domenica Dileo.

Next Meeting

- May 6, 2014 at 2131 Lawrence Ave. East, #200
- The presentation will be by Glen Gifford, Agincourt Community Services Association.