



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

Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2015

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; Mary Jarrell, Crown Attorney's Office (Co Chair- alternating) Sharon Williams, Scarborough Hospital; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Janice Sellon, East Metro Youth Service; Vincent Lee, Toronto East Detention Centre; Michele Graham, CHIRS; Julie-Anne Nayler, Pinewood Centre of Lakeridge Health; Arlene Alexander, Cota; Alejandra Ruiz, Fred Victor; Veronica Snooks, Voices from the Street

Regrets: Debbie Lynch, CTYS, New Outlook; Erwin Black, Cota; Kallan Lyons, Scarborough Homes First Shelter for Adults; Robin Cuff, CAMH; Patricia Pagnani, Bail Program; Antonella Wilson, CMHA; Stephanie Gloyn, Justice Service Collaborative; Linda Mariani, The Access Point; Samim Hasham, Morrish Pharmacy; Dawnmarie Harriott, Voices from the Street; Robert Abbatangelo, Cota

Welcome and Introductions:

- Everyone introduced themselves
- Susan Boucaud Co-chaired the meeting with Mary Jarrell
- Two new members were welcomed: Veronica Snooks, Voices from the Street and Alejandra Ruiz, Fred Victor
- Two nursing students from the Toronto East Detention Centre were welcomed

Review and Approval of Minutes of September 8, 2015

- The minutes were approved.

Business Arising

- Video Adult Fitness Assessment. Vincent Lee and Mary Jarrell reported on the sub-committee. The Toronto East Detention Centre is considering organizing video conferencing in partnership with Ontario Shore. Consideration - until such time as the Detention Centre has the technology tested and set-up to conduct its own video assessments- is presently ongoing. The goal of the collaboration is to speed up the assessment process.
- Domenica Dileo distributed the updated 24 -Hour Pharmacies contact information that identifies who dispenses methadone. The list will be distributed with the minutes.

Presentation

This item deferred. Stephanie Gloyn was unable to attend.

Lunch and Learns

- Susan Boucaud polled the committee about potential topics for Lunch and Learns. Mary Jarell led the conversation regarding the lunch and learns. The two top topics of interest are: Access Point; Immigration: Legal Aid and Victim Services.
- The New Housing resources will be included in the Access Point presentation.
- Mary Jarell will contact Linda Mariani from Access Point to see if she will present the first session in January. The second Lunch and Learn session will take place in March. The Lunch and Learns will take place during our regular meeting.
- There were issues identified surrounding immigrants, undocumented workers and refugees with respect to the lack of services available for those without OHIP. There were also questions with respect to what Legal Aid services are available. The Lunch and Learn presentation will deal with these issues.
- Michele Graham reported that CHIRS has been using the information circulated at the last Lunch and Learn and is proving to be very helpful.

Terms of Reference

- Robin Cuff was acknowledged for her contribution with respect to the Conflict of Interest clause in the Terms of Reference.
- It was suggested that the word “Code” be added to “Criminal” Justice matters before the court.
- The new draft will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Agency/Organization Updates

- Veronica Snooks reported on the Dream Team, who advocate for supportive housing and the rights to housing. They are having an Inclusive Employment Conference on November 27.
- She also reported that there was new funding to help people who are vulnerable to losing their homes because of drug issues. She will keep the committee updated.
- Arlene Alexander from Cota reported that Erwin Black researched the LGBT services in Scarborough and could not find any, so there is a gap.
- Janice Sellon from East Metro East Services said they have a program for LGBT youth up to 21 years of age.

Service Coordination/Resolution Issues

- Deferred to next meeting

P-HSJCC Priority Setting Exercise

The provincial HSJCC is requesting input from the Locals HSJCC to help set priorities for the next three years as they are developing their work plan. Attached please find the discussion questions to identify priorities.

- While reviewing the objectives of the P-HSJCC, there was discussion about the language used in the document and that perhaps some of it could be rewritten to better reflect the mandate of the committee.
- Question 1: These included: adding a line to the Backgrounder to include the term “in danger of coming into conflict with the law; and under Objectives to add: To educate and increase awareness among the HSJCC network.
- The two suggested changes above addresses question one of Identifying Priorities section.
- The committee reviewed the questions.
- Question 2: SWOT Analysis. Under strengths: 1. Big organization. Can bring the information at the local level to the provincial level; 2. Access to knowledge sharing; cross-sectoral representation; opportunity to develop relationships across sectors; possibility to be a part of changing policy
- Opportunities: Collaborations; Lunch and Learns
- Weakness: No authority to make change. For example, when a gap is identified, the committee can make apparent information presently available, may also rearrange the apparent information to service a gap but can't make the legislative changes necessary to address systemic gaps; nor is it perceived to be part of the committees mandate to make legislative changes
- Threats: Reduction and competition for funds; change can also threaten services.
- Question 3. New Initiatives. The Toronto Service Resolution Project will have an impact on our work.
- Question 4. Top three issues or challenges for Human Services in your community. 1. Housing; 2. Food Security and 3. Continuity of Care.
- Question 5. Top three initiatives for the next year. 1. Provide committee feedback regarding the Video Adult Fitness Assessment 2. Networking and continue with Lunch and Learn 3. Align with the Toronto Service Resolution Project and offer support with the initiative
- Question 6. Support needed to achieve mandate. Continuation of Food Voucher and TTC Tokens to courthouses; webinars; Lunch and Learns; centralized Speakers Bureau; continue to have support staff.

Choose a presenter for the next meeting: TBD

Actions:

- Mary Jarell will follow-up on both Lunch and Learns
- Domenica Dileo will submit the results of the Priority Setting Exercise to the committee members for input prior to submitting to the P-HSJCC

Next Meeting

- January 5, 2015 at 2131 Lawrence Ave. East, #200 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.