



Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2020
Noon- 1:00 pm
Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting

Present: Dr. Samim Hasham, Clinical Pharmacist Consultant (Co-chair); Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Cecilia Kwok, Probation and Parole; Robert Koslowski, Peer Worker; Sharon Williams, Scarborough Hospital; Rachel Ross-Vance, CMHA; Scott Skinner, Surrey Place; Greg McInnes, Salvation Army (on behalf of Becky Paonessa); Erwin Black, Cota; Patrick Whiffen, Probation and Parole

Regrets: Tazio Clarke (Co-chair), Victim Services Toronto; Natalie Reitmeier, CHIRS; Tammy Alston, CMHA

Welcome and Introductions:
Everyone introduced themselves.

Virtual Meeting Format
Reviewed

Action Items
Review Action Items:
Reviewed and complete.

Review and Approval of Minutes of March 4, 2020
Scott Skinner approved the minutes, seconded by Rachel Ross-Vance.

How is COVID-19 affecting service delivery in your organization, sector and/or community?

- Greg reported that the Lifestyle Program is continuing at the Scarborough courthouse by phone. They are looking at exploring capacity and are reaching out to the courthouse to see if there is a need for clothing. They are no longer providing transportation funds, and are expanding professional development among staff.
- Rachel reported that she is working remotely. She can go to court for FORM 2 or do it remotely. It is challenging because some clients lack access to a phone. Continues

to do release planning and interview clients. She is working closely with the Police Divisions.

- Scott Skinner reported that he is working remotely as of March 13th, continuing with video conferencing. Reaching clients is a challenge, passport funding is but parameters have changed. The funding to purchase day activities now includes arts and crafts, technology etc... need to keep the receipt for repayment. He will send an information sheet for Domenica to circulate to members that provides helpful information to give clients re: when they are going to the hospital and can't bring a support person with them. It can help the medical staff at hospitals to address client's needs. Psychological assessments can be done virtually.
- Erwin reported that service is still continuing by meeting clients virtually. The Scarborough Legal Clinic is continuing to work with clients.
- Sharon reported that she is in the office every Tuesday--other days provides support by phone. They are using OTN to see patients. Using shields and face masks when interacting with clients. All clients get screened, practicing social distancing. No walk-ins.
- Patrick reported that he is still seeing high risk clients. Have an in-house psychotherapist and refer to the Gerstein Centre, CAMH services. Concerned about domestic violence.

Agency/Organization Updates

None

Lunch and Learns

Deferred to next meeting.

Service Coordination/Resolution Issues

None

Updates from T-HSJCC and Provincial HSJCC.

Next Toronto Regional meeting will take place on June 29th. The Provincial HSJCC is having virtual biweekly updates meetings. The highlights are circulated to the Local HSJCCs. Concerns expressed at the committee are: face-to-face contact, health conditions, clients not getting the care they need due to fear, housing, corrections, increase in lack of primary care, untreated diabetes, domestic violence and child protection issues.

Presenter for the next meeting: TBD

Next Meeting:

Virtually Wednesday, September 9, 2020 from noon-1:00 pm.