



Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2021
Noon- 1:00 pm
Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting

Present: Dr. Samim Hasham, Clinical Pharmacist Consultant (Co-chair); Tazio Clarke (Co-chair), Victim Services Toronto; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Robert Koslowski, Peer Worker; Sharon Williams, Scarborough Hospital; Scott Skinner, Community Network of Specialized Care Toronto Region; Barry Sharp Salvation Army; Erwin Black, Cota; Jason Balgopal, Crown Attorney's Office; Patrick Whiffen, Probation and Parole; Dana Lee Riley, Elizabeth Fry Society of Toronto

Regrets: Cecilia Kwok, Probation and Parole; Rachel Ross-Vance, CMHA; Joy Boatswain, Centennial College

Land Acknowledgment

Tazio did the Land Acknowledgement recognizing the history of the indigenous people & their contribution to the land we stand on.

Welcome and Introductions:

Everyone introduced themselves. Barry Sharp was welcomed to the committee.

Action Items

- Scarborough Resource Directory. Working on setting a meeting. The set meeting was cancelled. If you are interested in joining the committee, contact Domenica.

Review and Approval of Minutes of January 6, 2021

Minutes were approved by Jason and second by Erwin.

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

Jason noted that people are encouraged to attend court via video. If a bench warrant has been issued the police have a procedure in place to follow.

Erwin reported that they have been using telephone and ZOOM to engage with clients in the community to address their needs.

Dana noted that she has a new role at E Fry as community outreach supervisor in Scarborough and Toronto. No direct catchment area. Working with Black, Indigenous and

people of colour. The Exit Doors Here offers services to women who are: street-based sex workers, women who may be trafficked, and private/non-identifying sex workers (indoor sex work, massage parlor workers, dancers, etc). The program supports people where they are at. Using PPE and distributing hygiene products to women in need. Referrals can be made internally or by external sources. They provide counselling and are in partnership with PASAN.

Tazio noted that staff at the Victim Witness Program are increasing person- to -person trials and continue to offer the same services.

Themes: Discussion ensued about the importance of having people with lived experience share their insight and expertise on this committee.

Legal Aid Barriers and Challenges

Still not coming to court and are providing online support. Applying to LAO call 1-800-668-8258

Presentation: Barry Sharp from the Salvation Army

- Salvation Army is a church first and then a social service provider.
 - Historical context was provided of the organization
 - It was noted that the thrift stores provide volunteer opportunities
 - They provide women, men and senior shelters throughout Toronto as well as recovery programs and addiction services
 - Broadview Village provides support to adults with developmental disabilities and mental health challenges
 - The positive lifestyle program runs for 14 weeks currently using ZOOM or Microsoft Teams or over the phone allowing engagement with participants. They provide counselling, not therapy or a psychiatrist
 - Barry will send Domenica the pamphlet for circulation. See link below
 - www.salvationarmyjustice.ca
 - Community Justice Programs are offered which target problem areas leading to criminal involvement and these include: anger management one day, anger management intensive, anger management (women only), anger and relationships (men only), theft intervention, alcohol and drug awareness, positive parenting, and road rage.
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- Barry Sharp was thanked for the informative presentation.

Agency/Organization Updates

See above

Lunch and Learns

Very successful session on Crown Attorney's perspective on the impact of covid-19 on the justice sector with Jason Balgopal.

One hundred and sixteen people attended the session and seventeen were sent the recording.

Service Coordination/Resolution Issues

None

Updates from T-HSJCC and Provincial HSJCC.

Next Toronto Regional meeting will take place on March 8, 2021. The Provincial HSJCC this Fall will be virtual.

Presenter for the next meeting: It was suggested for Dana from E Fry to present on their Exit Door Program.

Next Meeting:

Virtually Wednesday, May 5, 2021 from Noon-1:00 pm.