



**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 2, 2022**  
**Noon- 1:00 pm**  
**Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting**

**Present:** Dr. Samim Hasham, Clinical Pharmacist Consultant (Co-chair) Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Robert Koslowski, Peer Worker; Jason Balgopal, Crown Attorney's Office; Valeria Danieli, P-HSJCC; Dana Riley, E. Fry Toronto; Erwin Black, Cota; Scott Skinner, Community Network of Specialized Care Toronto Region; Michael Darling, City of Toronto; Sophia Brown, City of Toronto; Lindsay Jennings, Thunder Woman Healing Lodge; Deena Rahal, Thunder Woman Healing Lodge

**Regrets:** Patrick Whiffen, Probation and Parole; Krysty Hazelton, Cota; Muthyala Nirmala, SolGen; Joy Boatswain, Centennial College; Tammy Alston, CMHA; Rachel Ross-Vance, CMHA

**Call-in:** None

**Land Acknowledgment**

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

**Welcome and Introductions:**

Everyone introduced themselves. Dana was thanked for agreeing to co-facilitate the meeting with Samim. Sophia Brown from the City of Toronto was welcomed to the committee.

**Action Items**

Reviewed and completed

**Review of January 12, 2022 minutes**

Valerie approved the minutes, seconded by Robert. The minutes were approved.

**Presentations:** Deena Rahal and Lindsay Jennings from Thunder Woman Healing Lodge.

Deena is the intake worker at Thunder Woman Healing Lodge. Program for individuals being discharged from Correctional Institutions and jails. Have three programs running at the moment. Outreach Team located at 413 Dundas St. One is able to receive gift cards of \$100 and \$400 for families.

Residential Program- one can stay there for up to four months as well have two Bail beds for woman who are jailed.

Currently working with Vanier Centre East and Central North Detention Centres.

**Themes discussed:** One can go to the parole hearing with clients and provide support prior to their release as well able to write a support letter. Some clients are dealing with CAS and Native Children Services and can offer supervision visitation at the lodge and offer weekend passes. There is no age requirements, only be discharged from institutions. Transgender or two spirit can apply. It was acknowledge how vital their service is for the HSJCC target population.

PowerPoint slide deck will be circulated.

Deena and Lindsay were thanked for their very informative and interactive presentations.

### **Approval/Review Workplan 2022-2023**

Workplan 2022-2023 was circulated prior to the meeting. It was noted that the 1991 Eglinton East Courthouse will move to the New Toronto Courthouse.

Proposed budget: \$600 TTC tokens, \$650 food vouchers, \$2500 Lunch and Learns/Anti-Racism Series, Honorarium \$440, Virtual Court Equipment \$1750. The Toronto Regional HSJCC is meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup> and the workplan and budget will be approved then and submitted to the Provincial HSJCC.

Dana made the motion to approve the workplan and budget for 2022-2023, second by Valerie. It was unanimously passed.

### **Agency/Organization updates**

- Jason noted that most court functions are taking place in-person. As of today the physical distance is removed with capacity limits. Masks need to be worn when in-person. Set dates and Bail court using Zoom for now but will eventually move to in-person.
- Samim noted that there has been more fentanyl on the streets, main reason is the social isolation people are experiencing

### **Lunch and Learns:**

Domenica reported on the upcoming Lunch and Learns.

- There will be a Lunch and Learn on the CAMH Gender Identity Clinic on March 8<sup>th</sup>.
- The New Toronto Courthouse and Toronto Region Bail Centre session held on February 10<sup>th</sup> was successful. Two hundred and sixty-eight people registered and 158 were in attendance.
- The SolGen's Reintegration Unit session was held on February 24<sup>th</sup>. One hundred and fifty-three registered and seventy-two were in attendance.
- The NY-HSJCC Lunch and Learn on the CAMH Sexual Behaviour Clinic took place on January 20<sup>th</sup>. PowerPoint slides were circulated.

### **Updates from T-HSJCC and Provincial HSJCC**

Dana reported that the Toronto Regional committee has established an Anti-Racism Ad Hoc committee. Its membership includes all local HSJCC Co-chairs. The main goal is to develop an Anti-

Racism educational session for the HSJCC target population. This is reflected in the Local HSJCC workplan.

Next meeting is taking place on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

Domenica reported on the Provincial HSJCC. They will be meeting next week. Planning for the next conference began. There is support to continue with a virtual conference because many people were able to attend from up north. Six hundred and eighty people attended the conference. A hybrid model is too expensive.

**Action Items**

- Domenica will send a meeting invite for the next meeting after this meeting and reminder prior to the meeting.
- Domenica will circulate the PowerPoint presentation slide deck and Lunch and Learn invite

**Presenter for next meeting:** Bradley Scarr from the Metis Nation of Ontario  
Sophia Brown, City of Toronto will present at the September meeting.

**Next Meeting:** Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting taking place on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 from 12 pm to -1:00 pm.