



**Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2022**

Noon- 1:00 pm

Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting

Present: Dr. Samim Hasham, Clinical Pharmacist Consultant (Co-chair) Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Dana Riley, E. Fry Toronto; Jason Balgopal, Crown Attorney's Office; Valeria Danieli, P-HSJCC; Erwin Black, Cota; Bradley Scarr, Métis Nation of Ontario(MNO); Sarah Hannaford, YMCA Youth Gambling; Sophia Brown, City of Toronto; Robert Koslowski, Peer Worker; Tammy Alston, CAMH Toronto; Imtiaz Moursalien, TAIBU Community Health Centre -TCSS; Tazio Clark, MAG; Melissa Lynch, TEDS; Kristy Hazelton, Racque Hamlet, TAIBU Community Health Centre -TCSS; Okeima Laurence, City of Toronto; Melissa Maguire, SolGen; Julienne Fernie, SolGen; Debbie Lynch, CTYS

Regrets Muthyala Nirmala, SolGen; Joy Boatswain, Centennial College; Rachel Ross-Vance, CMHA Toronto; Greg J. McInnes, Salvation Army; Kritina Dobozy, Surry Place, Erin Anstey, Scarborough Hospital

Call-in: None

Land Acknowledgment

Samim 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.

Okeima Lawrence, TESS, and Kristy Hazelton dual diagnosis and justice case manager from Cota, were welcomed to the committee.

Action Items

Samim reported on formalizing the Co-chair position. It was acknowledged that in the past year Dana has assisted with Co-chairing the meetings with Samim.

It was noted that the Co-chair position reflects the HSJCC operation values from the mental health sector and the other from the justice sector. As well, the position aligns with the committee's current intentional equity values. Committee members were asked if anyone was interested in the Co-chair position. Dana noted that she is. Dana was unanimously elected as the Scarborough HSJCC Co-chair with Samim.

Review of May 4th, 2022 minutes

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

Presentation 1. Sophia Brown from the City of Toronto, Employment and Social Services Confronting Anti Black Racism – Action Plan

Provide and overview of the City of Toronto Development of the TESS Confronting Anti-Black Racism Action Plan

What is Anti-Black Racism? In 2022 TESS staff began to develop a response to address anti-Black racism working towards eradicating systemic racism and anti-oppression for all to live in a city free of racism.

The plan has nine interventions – accountability and reporting, staff learning and culture, staff recruitment and advancement, race based data, collaborative service planning, community investment, youth mentorship and employment, public education, policy development and intergovernment advocacy and support.

Themes discussed

Action plan is already implemented. It is a legal corporate document approved in 2017 to confront anti-Black sentiments.

Definition of Black is self-defined, includes Afro-Caribbean, and racialized identity.

Cultural and economic investment addresses the Black and Indigenous communities needs and gaps.

Presentation 2. Racquel Hamlet and Imtiaz Moursalien, North East Community Crisis Response Team at TAIBU CHC

- North East TCSS is a new project since April 2022. Due to George Floyd murder concerns about what do people want to see when one is in crisis were heightened. There was community consultation to identify what they needed.
- This entails – principles of care: The service should be; community driven and led, trauma informed, non-judgemental, non-coercive, evidence based, harm reduction and anti-oppression, locally developed and reflective of the community it serves
- Accountability and transparent
- Multidisciplinary team, lived and professional experience with MH and substance use, and de-escalation training. Psychiatrist provides service one day per week.
- Mobile Crisis Support Teams, can provide support over the phone or in person. Referral to in house post crisis case management
- Multiple access points – 211 or 911
- Have access to a crisis bed in partnership with CMHA Toronto
- Serve clients 16 years or older
- Geographic areas – Steels North, Rouge Valley East, South to Kingston (Beaches) West South of 401 & North of 401 Victoria Park and within the 42/43 Police Division
- North West project the lead agency is CMHA Toronto, Downtown Toronto project lead is the Gerstein Crisis Centre, and the Indigenous lead project is *2-Spirited People of the 1st Nations*
- CAMH doing the project evaluation
- Developed a resources list to assist with referrals
- The PowerPoint slides will be circulated

Themes discussed

- There has been a high use demand for the project. Looking at expanding to having two mobile vans instead of one. Developing a community advisory governance body.

Sophia, Imtiaz and Racque were thanked for their informative and insightful presentations.

Lunch & Learns

- Domenica reported on the upcoming NY-HSJCC session on September 29, on the Gladue: What it is and Why it Matters. Lunch N' Learn sessions are virtual. HSJCC members and

colleagues are welcomed to attend any sessions. It is not limited to the Local membership. Registration information has been circulated.

- S-HSJCC Lunch and Learn panel will take place on October 19, on Community Reintegration: A Pathway from Custody to the Community – A Model of Collaborative Care Through Pro-Active Discharge Planning. Julienne Fernie and Melissa Lynch provided an overview on the Community Reintegration role at the TEDC. Working collaboratively to determine individuals risk assessment and develop a discharge plan to reduce recidivism. The discharge plan addresses enhancement support when they are in the community if high risk. The services are voluntary.
- The Sentencing and Parole Project (SPP) session took place on May 19th. SPP is a non-profit organization that prepares enhanced pre-sentence reports (EPSRs) for Black people marginalized by poverty and racial inequality. The reports give judges and parole boards the information they need to make informed sentencing and release decisions. They include recommendations for culturally appropriate programs to assist with rehabilitation. The SPP also trains justice system participants about racism in the justice system. Three hundred and twenty-eight people registered and 196 people attended. The recording was circulated to the HSJCC members.

Annual Members Evaluation Summary (May 2022)

The evaluation was circulated prior to the meeting. Dana reported that 13 members completed it and the feedback was positive. Domenica noted that members identified several topics for the Lunch and Learns. She suggested for consideration that these topics can be meeting presentations since the Toronto HSJCC is working on a five-session series on Anti-Racism.

Agency/Organization updates

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

- Deferred to next meeting. Please email your updates to Domenica if need be.
- Sarah notes in the chat that she works at the YMCA Youth Gambling program and stated they provide service to Toronto East for youth age 18-24 using a harm reduction approach. They offer free educational workshops on a variety of topics for both youth and adults, including Financial Literacy, Stigma, Safe Gaming, etc. If you work with any groups that you think might be interested in this, please don't hesitate to reach out!

Updates from T-HSJCC and Provincial HSJCC

Dana reported on the Toronto Regional Anti-Racism Ad Hoc Group which met throughout the summer.

Its membership includes all local HSJCC Co-chairs. The main goal is to develop an Anti-Racism educational series for the HSJCC target population. The main focus is education, increase awareness, identify issues and collaboration. The Ad Hoc Group Terms of Reference were circulated. The S-HSHCC will lead a panel session on What Can Be Done - from an Anti-Racism perspective. This will be session 5 and take place in March 2023.

Next T-HSJCC meeting is taking place on October 13th.

Action Items

- Domenica will report on the Lunch and Learn sessions at the next meeting
- Domenica will circulate the PowerPoint presentation slide deck.
- Contact Domenica if you have suggestions for a meeting presentation.

- Who would like to volunteer to do the Land Acknowledgement at the next meeting?

Presenter for next meeting: TBD – If you have a suggestion please send it to Domenica.

Next Meeting: Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting taking place on Wednesday, November 2, 2022 from 12 pm to -1:00 pm.