



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

Present: Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Dana Riley(Co-chair) PWLE; Jason Balgopal, Crown Attorney's Office; Valeria Danieli, P-HSJCC; Erwin Black, Cota; Bradley Scarr, Métis Nation of Ontario(MNO); Sophia Brown, City of Toronto; Imtiaz Moursalien, TAIBU Community Health Centre -TCSS; Melissa Lynch, TEDS; Kristy Hazelton; Okeima Laurence, City of Toronto; Melissa Maguire, SolGen; Julienne Fernie, SolGen; Graham Borker, CMHA Toronto; Tammy Alston, CAMH Toronto; Muthyala Nirmala, SolGen; Julianne Fernie, SolGen; Melissa Magiure, SolGen

Regrets: Dr. Samim Hasham, Clinical Pharmacist Consultant (Co-chair); Rachel Ross-Vance, CMHA Toronto; Greg J. McInnes, Salvation Army; Robert Koslowski, Peer Worker; Kristina Dobosz, Community Network of Specialized Care,Toronto Region; Sarah Hannaford, YMCA Youth Gambling

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. It was suggested we share the Land Acknowledgement among the members. Valerie agreed to do the Land Acknowledgement at the January meeting.

Welcome and Introductions:

Everyone introduced themselves. Graham was welcomed to the committee.

Action Items

Reviewed and completed

Review of September 14, 2022 minutes

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

Lunch and Learns

- Domenica provided the report - The Anti-Racism Series' first session took place on October 27th and the second will take place on November 24. The facilitator was Dr. Rai Reece from the Metropolitan University. The feedback has been phenomenal. To attend session two, you need to have attended session one. The sessions were not recorded, but resource materials were circulated. 378 registered, and 178 attended.

- The NY-HSJCC session which took place on September 29, on the Gladue: What it is and Why it Matters. We had five hundred and eighty people registered and 188 in attendance. The recording was circulated.
- S-HSJCC held a Lunch and Learn on October 19. The topic was Community Reintegration: A Pathway from Custody to the Community – A Model of Collaborative Care Through Pro-Active Discharge Planning. Eighty-eight people registered and 42 were in attendance.

Community Safety and Wellbeing Plans Feedback

Domenica provided a brief background about the CSWB Plans. The questionnaire was provided by the Provincial HSJCC for the Toronto Locals to provide feedback. The collated summary for the WT-HSJCC meeting feedback is below:

Scarborough HSJCC meeting on November 2, 2022

1. *How are Regional and Local HSJCCs involved in Community Safety and Wellbeing Plans (CSWB Plans)? Do representatives from HSJCC's sit on CSWB tables or have a mechanism for information flow between the two? (and if not involved, what are some of the potential barriers around participation?)*

-Members identified that they are not aware or have any knowledge about the CSWB Plans or CSWB tables.

-Themes discussed: There is an influx of information that is making it challenging to determine what is relevant. People are feeling overwhelmed and do not know if they missed any information circulated on the CSWB Plans/tables.

-Members noted that it would be helpful to have a centralized list of what is available in specific areas, and what is new and different in order to keep up with system changes especially given the impact of covid.

2. *Do community partners find the CSWB Plans useful to their local communities? Are the plans enhancing communication, collaboration and overall public safety in their community?*

- Same as above

- Committee members participate at the Focus table that addresses community safety but are not aware of the CSWB tables.

- It was stated whether harm reduction approaches are being utilized when addressing community safety?

3. *Do you have any suggested changes when it comes to the use of CSWB Plans?*

-Concerns identified- whether harm reduction approaches are implemented. Are agencies implementing harm reduction? What does community safety look like?

-There is a lack of knowledge/information about the criteria used for the CSWB tables. More information on these tables would be helpful.

-It would be beneficial knowing what has been accomplished under the CSWB Plans.

4. *Any other comments or feedback that would help SOLGEN assess the effectiveness of CSWB Plans and improve collaboration between existing structures such as HSJCCs.*

- Helpful to have a presentation at our meeting about the CSWB Plans instead of going online.
- Helpful to know how HSJCC members can join the CSWB tables?
- Can they share information with the HSJCC?
- Helpful to have a list/index of new programs and their function /criteria/referral process/area served and population for new resources under the CSWB Plans.

Agency/Organization updates

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

- Jason stated that there are challenges at the courthouse, individuals are showing up at the courthouse for a set date when they are done virtually. He suggested encouraging the client to use ZOOM for set date matters because it is faster virtually than in person. As well, the Duty Counsel is not on site and is unable to see clients in person.
- Brad noted that most of their programs are using a hybrid model. There are benefits to using virtual tools because it expands the geographical area that they can serve.
- Dana stated that the client prefers in-person due to their increased anxiety using virtual tools.
- If clients don't have access to technology where can they go? Clients can go to Probation and Parole offices if they need access to technology or the shelter system.

Updates from T-HSJCC and Provincial HSJCC

Dana reported on the Toronto Regional Anti-Racism Ad Hoc Group.

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, increasing awareness, identifying issues, and collaboration. 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. The next T-HSJCC meeting is taking place on January 9th.

Action Items

- Domenica will report on the Lunch and Learn sessions at the next meeting
- Contact Domenica if you have suggestions for a meeting presentation.
- Valerie will do the Land Acknowledgement at the next meeting.

Presenter for next meeting: Alison Mastenbroek will present on the Bail Program.

Next Meeting: Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting taking place on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 from 12 pm to -1:00 pm.