



**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 1, 2023**  
**Noon - 1:00 pm**  
**Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting**

**Present:** Dana Riley(Co-chair) PWLE; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Jason Balgopal, Crown Attorney’s Office; Valeria Danieli, P-HSJCC; Erwin Black, Cota; Kristy Hazelton; Cota; Muthyala Nirmala, SolGen; Robert Koslowski, Peer Worker; Kristina Dobosz, Community Network of Specialized Care, Toronto Region; Graham Barker, CMHA Toronto; Tammy Alston, CAMH Toronto; Tasha Castagnier-Seery, Ambulatory & Community Mental Health and Substance Use Programs, at Scarborough Health Network; Sara Adams, Babalola Olufunke and Hashi Halimo, Community Mental Health and Substance Use Programs, at Scarborough Health Network; Wang Danieli, Justice & Mental Health Team, at Scarborough Health Network

**Regrets:** Dr. Samim Hasham, Clinical Pharmacist Consultant (Co-chair); Alison Mastenbroek, Toronto Bail Program; Imtiaz Moursalien, TAIBU Community Health Centre -TCSS; Melissa Maguire, SolGen; Julienne Fernie, SolGen; Sarah Hannaford, YMCA Youth Gambling

**Call-in:** None

**Land Acknowledgment:**

Dana provided the Land Acknowledgement recognizing the history of the indigenous people & their contribution to the land we stand on. It was encouraged that we share the Land Acknowledgement among the committee members.

**Welcome and Introductions:**

Everyone introduced themselves.

**Action Items:**

Reviewed and completed.

**Review of January 11, 2023 minutes**

The minutes of the January 11th meeting were approved by Robert Koslowski, and seconded by Valeria Danieli.

**Presentation:** Justice and Mental Health Program at the Scarborough Health Network with Tasha Castagnier-Seery, Manager; Dr. Andrew Wang, Psychiatrist; Halimo Hashi, Social Worker; Sara Adams, Social Worker; Olufunke Babalola, Case Manager

-The Scarborough Health Network Justice and Mental Health Program (JAMH) offers services to client's living with the challenges of chronic and persistent mental illness, (Schizophrenia, Bipolar disorder, and Psychotic disorders) who have some active involvement in the judicial system.

-The program mandate is to reduce recidivism and hospitalizations through tailored interventions based on evidence-based practice.

Use a multidisciplinary team approach.

Services:

Individual and group programs

Our philosophy is to "meet clients where they are":

Referral process from probation offices, detention centers, psychiatric hospitals outpatient mental health clinic, family doctors, and in the community

Completed consultation request form including:

The Police Synopsis regarding the index offense

A recent CPIC

Available medical records

Available probation and parole reports

Inclusion Criteria

Minimum age 18

Primary diagnosis of a major mental illness (or suspected)

Criminal charge and/or conviction

Willingness to comply with the program

Exclusion Criteria

Neurological Impairment

Developmental Handicap

Community supports already in place

History of Unpredictable Violence

Client Profile Example - Pathway

The client referred to JAMH through his probation officer

The client met with the probation office through social workers to help the client understand the program and its services.

Consents for treatments and collateral signed.

The client was scheduled for a 60min assessment with the psychiatrist and assigned social worker. The client can choose to be accompanied by any social support.

Note- JAMH does not have a waitlist, clients are usually scheduled within a couple of weeks of referral.

Social work provides client-centered case management and counselling.

This process is developed collaboratively with the client. Support can happen in the office or the community.

JAMH staff work with relevant stakeholders (courts, housing, probation, family) to meet the mandate of reducing/eliminating rehospitalization and recidivism.

Themes discussed: The MH and Justice program aims to serve by postal code, but it isn't always possible (precarious housing, etc). If they are connected to other services in Scarborough, they can support them as well.

No waitlist, an individual can see the psychiatrist within a few weeks. Do you provide emergency services? Monday-Friday the program operates from 8-4 pm, If one needs to be admitted to the emergency, there can be a WRAP process which Dr. Andrew can facilitate. Able to refer to the Scarborough Mobile Team.

Tasha and her team were thanked for a very informative, engaging, and insightful presentation.

### **Lunch and Learns**

The Anti-Racism series session 4 of 5 took place on February 23, 2023, addressing the professional perspective with Shawna Kelly and Dr. Welsley Crichlow. It was successful.

### **Approval Workplan for 2023-2024**

The workplan 2023-24 was circulated before the meeting.

Domenica reported on the workplan budget:

- TTC tokens \$600
- Food Vouchers \$650
- Lunch N' Learns/Anti-Racism Series \$1250 (Hybrid Model)
- Honorarium \$450
- Police Division TTC tokens for Bail Releases - \$335 (NEW)

Domenica reported that pre-covid individuals were released from custody, but are now released from the police stations. Patricia Pagnani, Bail Manager had a meeting with the justice sector partners regarding the individuals who are released from the police stations who have no access to TTC tokens. They acknowledged that vulnerable individuals can benefit from receiving TTC tokens to go from point A to B when released from the police stations. The Toronto HSJCC was approached for help with TTC tokens for vulnerable individuals released on bail from the police stations. A new budget line has been created to address this emerging need for vulnerable individuals.

Committee members unanimously approved the workplan and budget for the 2023-24 fiscal year. Final approval will take place at the Toronto Regional HSJCC meeting.

### **Agency/Organization updates**

Tammy stated that the West Courthouse is now the Toronto Regional Bail Centre, and the court diversion program at the Scarborough Courthouse is preparing to move to the New Toronto Courthouse. CMHA staff is providing full-service face-to-face.

Graham reported that 2 CMHA staff are providing service at the West Courthouse/Bail Centre.

It was acknowledged that the courthouses are continuing with the virtual process.

Robert stated that he contacted Agincourt Community Services to find out if they can present regarding the services they provide. No reply as of yet.

Nirmala informed the committee that Jolly Thompson, Don Mills Area Manager passed away suddenly.

#### *Service Coordination/ Resolution Issues*

None Identified

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

Dana reported on the Toronto Regional Anti-Racism Ad Hoc Group. The series final session will take place on March 23rd, led by the S-HSJCC on 'What Can Be Done'.

The next T-HSJCC meeting is taking place on March 9th, 2023.

The provincial conference will take place virtually on November 15-16. The presentation abstract call will be sent out shortly. The conference cost for members will be \$50, non-members \$75, and PWLE will attend for free.

#### **Action Items:**

-Tasha will provide the Land Acknowledgement for the May 3rd meeting.

**Presenter for next meeting:** Dana will contact the Law Society of Ontario for a presentation on the Complaints & Compliance department process.

**Next Meeting:** Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting taking place on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, from 12 pm to -1:00 pm.