

Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2023
Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting

Present: Dana Riley (Co-chair) EFry; Melissa Maguire (Co-chair) SolGen; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Valeria Danieli, P-HSJCC; Robert Koslowski, Peer Worker; Tammy Alston, CAMH Toronto; Julienne Fernie, SolGen; Sophia Brown, City of Toronto; Brad Scarr, Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO); Jason Balgopal, Crown Attorney's Office; Shannon Mason, SolGen/TEDC; Mary Burton, CHIRS; Marci Sharp, Salvation Army; Wendy Martin, YMCAGTA; Erwin Black, Cota; Imtiaz Moursalien, TAIBU CHC; Muthyala Nirmala, SolGen

Regrets: Sarah Hannaford, YMCA Youth Gambling; Cecilia Kwok, SolGen; Graham Barker, CMHA Toronto; C Garcia, Toronto Bail Program; Chan Yick Sum, SolGen; Dr. Samim Hasham, Consultant; Kristina Dobosz, Community Network of Specialized Care, Toronto Region; Stephanie Ruston, YMCAGTA

Call-in: None

Land Acknowledgment:

Dana provided the Land Acknowledgement, recognizing the history of the Indigenous People and their contribution to the land we stand on.

Please get in touch with Domenica if you can provide a Land Acknowledgement at the next meeting.

Welcome and Introductions:

Everyone introduced themselves.

Review of May 3, 2023 minutes

The May 3, 2023, minutes were approved by Robert and seconded by Dana.

Presentation

-Deferred to the next meeting.

Action Items:

Domenica reported on the member's annual evaluation. She collated the feedback and circulated it. Thank you for completing it. Your feedback helps us with continued improvement. Overall, the feedback was positive; 10 members provided feedback. Members noted the benefits of participating in the HSJCC network and found the information sharing regarding the changes in the justice system helpful.

-Based on the meeting time and length of poll results. The S-HSJCC meetings will be from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm.

Action items were reviewed and completed.

Lunch and Learns Update:

Dana reported on the upcoming Lunch and Learns. Invites will be circulated. Due to popular demand, the Anti-Racism Series will be repeated with five sessions.

Upcoming Lunch and Learns:

- September 28th Toronto East Reintegration Table (S-HSJCC)
- October 5th Drug Treatment Court (NY-HSJCC)
- Toronto Anti-Racism Series Session 1 on Foundation 101 with Dr. Rai Reece, on October 26,
- Toronto Anti-Racism Series Session 2 on Decentering Whiteness, White Privilege and White Supremacy in Organizational Spaces will take place on November 23
- December 7th East Focus Table (S-HSJCC)

Agency/Organization updates:

How does transitioning to the TRBC and OCJT affect service delivery in your organization, sector, and community?

Themes discussed:

- Travel challenges for individuals or family members to go to OCJT. When they get there, they are unable to find where to go. Clients and family members' main complaint is that they can't contact anyone at the courthouse.
- Often, documents are not at the OCJT, and probation does not have the documents, which leads to more bench warrants.
- Family members trying to file a FORM 2 don't know who to speak to at the TRBC or OCJT- nobody to help them when they are there.
- The three-agency merger highlights that MH diversion looks different with each agency.
- There is much confusion for clients and staff.
- Brad reported that the MNO justice programs are expanding across the province.

Service Coordination/ Resolution Issues

Does anyone have any issues to resolve? Are there any issues to bring forth to the Toronto Regional HSJCC?

See above.

Updates from T-HSJCC and Provincial HSJCC

- Provincial Conference - November 15-16, 2023
- Next T-HSJCC meeting taking place on September 21, 2023
- Anti-Racism Ad Hoc Group Updates – see above.
- PWLE Honorarium Policy was circulated, but there is no comment.
- The Provincial HSJCC members' structure was circulated, but there is no comment.

Action Items:

- Contact Domenica if you can provide the Land Acknowledgement at the September meeting.

The November meeting will be a MEGA meeting with all 4 Local HSJCCs on Thursday, November 2, 2023, from 8:30 to 10:30 am at the OCJT. It will be a hybrid model, and a light breakfast will be provided.

Presenter for the January 10, 2024, meeting – TBD.