

Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2024
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 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; Julianne Fernie, SolGen; Brad Scarr, Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO); Shannon Mason, SolGen/TEDC; Wendy Martin, YMCAGTA; Kristy Hazelton, Cota; Samila Maya, SolGen; Kyra Schrader, Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)

Regrets: Jason Balgopal, Crown Attorney's Office; Imtiaz Moursalien, (Co-chair) TAIBUCHC; Sarah Hannaford, YMCA Youth Gambling; Garcia, Toronto Bail Program; Kristina Dobosz, Community Network of Specialized Care, Toronto Region; Mary Burton, CHIRS; Marci Sharp, Salvation Army; Sophia Brown, City of Toronto;

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 September 13, 2023 minutes

The September 13, 2023, minutes were approved by Melissa and seconded by Robert.

Please note that the November 2, 2023 Mega Meeting with all four Locals replaced the regular S-HSJCC November meeting.

Presentation: Valeria Danieli on the P-HSJCC Anti-Racism Committee Work
PowerPoint slides will be circulated to HSJCC members

- A Working Group was established in **January 2023** to support development of an **Anti-Racism Framework** for the Provincial HSJCC Network
- To ensure anti-racism is a priority item for Local, Regional and Provincial HSJCCs.
- To provide provincial guidance and a consistent approach to addressing anti-racism across the human services and justice systems.
- To provide concrete ways the HSJCC Network can participate in dismantling of structural and systemic racism.
- In spring of 2023 a call went out to community connectors.
- Seven focus groups took place.

- Concerns were raised regarding data usage and privacy and noted.
- Across all focus groups we were able to extract rich data from the conversations that will directly impact the development of an anti-racism framework for implementation across all HSJCCs.
- Valerie was thanked for the informative and insightful presentation.

Action Items:

-Based on the members meeting length and time poll results; the meeting will start at 1:00 and end at 2:30 p.m., and the length is back to pre- COVID of one hour and a half.

-Discussion ensued on the Local HSJCCs Mega Meeting on November 2, 2023 summary report.

Themes discussed: The mega meeting indicated the overwhelming interest of members in coming together and engaging to build relationships. Members acknowledged the importance of face-to-face contact, which allows them to network, build relationships and address common problems by coming together and working collaboratively.

The advantage of hybrid meetings is that they allow more members to attend them.

Action items were reviewed and completed.

Lunch and Learns Update:

Dana reported on the upcoming Lunch and Learn.

Anti-Racism Series Session 3 on January 25, 2024, on Misconceptions of Indigenous Rights and Life Ways with Cynthia Bell. The invitation was circulated.

Review Workplan for 2023-2024

-What have we accomplished, and what future areas should we consider?

-Who is missing from the table?

- Virtual/Hybrid meetings and Lunch and Learn format for 2024-25?

- Hybrid Mega Meeting Follow-up – 3 Working Groups:

a) Release, Transportation and Belongings

b) Accessibility, Inclusion and Diversity

c) Communication

The workplan 2023-24 was circulated before the meeting. The objectives were reviewed, and everyone agreed to maintain them.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- Members agreed to continue with virtual committee meetings and explore having a hybrid meeting or Lunch and Learn session to enhance engagement and connectivity among members.
- Establish Toronto Local HSJCC working groups to address the identified needs and gaps regarding the changes in the criminal justice system – the recent opening of the Toronto Regional Bail Centre and Ontario Court of Justice – Toronto. The three main areas for the working groups to address separately are 1) Release, Transportation and Belongings; 2) Accessibility, Inclusion and Diversity; and 3) Communication.

Agency/Organization updates:

Service Coordination/ Resolution Issues

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

None identified.

T-HSJCC and Provincial HSJCC Updates:

- The next T-HSJCC meeting will take place **on January 18, 2024**
- Provincial HSJCC November meeting highlights were circulated

Action Items:

- Contact Domenica if you can provide the Land Acknowledgement at the March 6, 2024 meeting.
- Domenica will follow up on the presentation(s) for the March 6, 2024, meeting.
- Domenica will circulate the presentation PowerPoint slides.

Presenter for the March 6, 2024, meeting YMCA YSAP – Youth Substances Use program with Joey Violante.