



**Toronto Regional Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee
(T-HSJCC)
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday June 26, 2019
9:30 a.m. - Noon
CMHA, 700 Lawrence Avenue West, Suite 480**

Present: Steve Lurie(Co-chair), CMHA; Amber Kellen(Co-chair), John Howard Society of Toronto; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Katie Almond, Probation and Parole; Paul Van de Laar, Cota; Arthur Stratton, Probation and Parole; Patricia Pagnani, Toronto Bail Program; Rachel Bromberg, CAMH; Kathy Chau, CMHA; Susan Davis, Gerstein Centre; Dayna Arron, Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG); Bill Smith, Toronto Police Service.

Call-in: Tammy Tinney, North York General Hospital; Jennifer Chambers, Empowerment Council.

Regrets: Dr. Samim Hasham, Pharmacist; Gerald Ngangue, Christian Horizons; Mary Murphy, Defence Counsel; Charissa Levy, Rehabilitative Care Alliance, GTA Rehab Network & Toronto ABI Network; Debbie Lynch, CTYS, New Outlook; Chris Boddy, Toronto Police Service; Tazio Clarke, TEDC; Jennifer Altosaar, Toronto Network of Specialized Care; Natasha Bartlett, Fred Victor; Rhona Zitney, Fred Victor/JC; Tricia Dunbar, CHIRS; Melissa Perez, Correction Service Canada.

Welcome and Introductions

Everyone Introduced themselves.

Review/Approval Minutes from May 8, 2019 Meeting

Minutes were approved.

Action Items Follow-up/Updates

- Action items were reviewed and completed.

Presentation: Justice Centres with Dayna Arron, Executive Director of the Justice Centres Project. PowerPoint slide decks were distributed with the meeting package.

- There will be four centres across the province in Kenora, London, Toronto (Moss Park), and West Toronto. The Justice Centres are funded through the Guns and Gangs Strategy. They will be working closely with the City of Toronto. The West Toronto Justice Centre will have a youth focus ages 12-17.
- **Themes discussed:** The Blueprint Team will be conducting the research evaluation. Will each location have an advisory committee? Aiming to have 1-2 pilots by fall/winter. The project will explore how the regional bail centre intersects with the justice model.
- It was brought to the committee's attention that the term 'justice centre clients' is more appropriate than 'offenders', due to its lack of stigma.
- Can the cuts of LAO impact the justice centres outcome?

- It was agreed that the next step is to have the Justice Centres presentation for the North York, West Toronto, and Downtown Toronto locals at their Fall meetings.

Dayna Arron was thanked for her informative and interactive presentation.

Presentaion: Bill Smith, Toronto Police Service presented on the FOCUS Situation Tables. These tables are a collaborative risk-driven approach to community safety and well-being. A situation is brought to the table by a FOCUS agency. The average time for closing the situation is three weeks.

There are 4 FOCUS Tables in Toronto – North Scarborough, Downtown East, Downtown West, and Rexdale. From January 1 to December 2018 the total number of situations addressed by all four FOCUS Tables was 708. Presentaion slide decks will be circulated.

Themes discussed: Information about the Violence Threat Risk Assessment training will be circulated. This training is based on trauma informed process and/or model for collaboration. It was acknowledged that the focus is on acute intervention not prevention. It is important to be mindful of the resources that the community contributes i.e staff resources.

Bill Smith was thanked for this informative and interactive presentaion.

Mental Health and Justice Funding

Steve Lurie reported on the following:

- There is 174 million dollars for mental health services. This will address three areas 1) Youth 2) Psychotherapy 3) Mental Health and Justice/Addiction support and Housing.
- There will be some expansion of the Safe Beds Program.
- Toronto Central LHIN's focus will be people released from custody of the mental health and justice population.
- Cota is developing a service design for supportive housing.
- There is limited funds available in relation to the actual needs.
- Cota, CMHA and LOFT received 10 units. This is a Central LHINs decision.
- The Mental Health strategy will be announced in the fall The funding match is unknown.
- What are the needs of mental health and justice? clients Can we conceive arrangements where people needing safe beds are prioritized?
- The Provincial funding priority is people released from custody , however there is no mention of people on the waitlist.
- How can we improve the shelter system?

Locals provided reports on the May meetings.

Arthur Stratton reported on the NY-HSJCC. The committee meet on May 2nd. Planning the next Lunch and Learn on Domestic Sex Trafficking.

Domenica Dileo reported on the Scarborough HSJCC. Sheryl Lindsay, Aboriginal Mental Health & Addiction Services Coordinator at the Anishnawbe Health Centre presented on their program.

Patricia Pagnani reported on the WT-HSJCC . Literal Change presented on their program.They provide remedial literacy at the Toronto South Detention Centre and Toronto East Detention

Centre. They had a successful Lunch and Learn panel on Domestic Violence Charges and Programs in Ontario on June 13, 2019.

Susan Davis reported on the DT-HSJCC. Sheryl Lindsay, Aboriginal Mental Health & Addiction Services Coordinator at the Anishnawbe Health Centre presented on their program.

Themes discussed: Benefits of having a presentation on the Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan at the next T-HSJCC meeting. This plan was circulated. How can we support this plan? Domenica will follow-up with presentation logistics.

Paul Van de Laar reported on the Service Resolution Toronto. The committee is working with the CAMH team to address the role of the Justice Coordinator.

P-HSJCC Updates:

Provincial conference is taking place on November 4-6, 2019.

Actions:

- Domenica to circulate the Focus presentation slide decks.
- Domenica to invite the Community Safety Wellbeing Plan staff to present at our next meeting.
- Domenica to invite the Justice Centres' staff to present at the Local HSJCCs meetings.
- Update on the Health Team to be added to the next meeting agenda.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 16 from 9:30 to Noon at CMHA, 700 Lawrence Ave. West, Suite 480 (Co-chairs meeting to follow).