



**Toronto Regional Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee
(T-HSJCC)
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday October 16, 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; Patricia Pagnani, Toronto Bail Program; Rachel Bromberg, CAMH; Kathy Chau, CMHA; Susan Davis, Gerstein Centre; Jonathan Berger CAMH/PSSP; Rhona Zitney, Fred Victor/JC

Call-in: Tammy Tinney, North York General Hospital; Charissa Levy, Rehabilitative Care Alliance, GTA Rehab Network & Toronto ABI Network; Natasha Bartlett, Fred Victor; Chris Boddy, Toronto Police Service; Tricia Dunbar, CHIRS

Regrets: Dr. Samim Hasham, Pharmacist; Paul Van de Laar, Cota; Katie Almond, Probation and Parole; Arthur Stratton, Probation and Parole; Gerald Ngangue, Christian Horizons; Mary Murphy, Defence Counsel; Debbie Lynch, CTYS, New Outlook; Tazio Clarke, TEDC; Jennifer Altosaar, Toronto Network of Specialized Care; Melissa Perez, Correction Service Canada; Jennifer Chambers, Empowerment Council

Welcome and Introductions

Everyone Introduced themselves.

Review/Approval Minutes from June 26, 2019 Meeting

Minutes were approved.

Presentation: Service Resolution Project with Charissa Levy and Jonathan Berger

Charissa Levy provided the historical context of the Service Resolution Project.

- The T-HSJCC commissioned report from Taylor-Newberry to understand best practices in service resolution processes .
- The Complex Care Sub- Committee of the T-HSJCC oversaw and supported the implementation of the Service Resolution Project for complex clients who are currently involved or at significant risk of being involved with the criminal justice system in partnership with the PSSP at CAMH. The Provincial System Support Program (PSSP) at CAMH agreed to provide support.
- For the past several years the work has evolved with limited funds of \$20,000. How to make the best use? Half way through the year two options were brought forward to the T-HSJCC table including findings and options.
- It is important to note that the PSSP will conclude their role.

- Is there a continued need and/or role for different capacity or use funds for a new project?

Jonathan Berger provided the PowerPoint slide decks which will be circulated.

- Through out the process the findings, report and recommendations were provided to Toronto Regional HSJCC
- 2 options were presented to the regional table - one was a full SR table – possible reimagining a local HSJCC table and the other was continuing in current role with reimagined communication plan and evaluation framework
- No consensus on direction was reached
- Proposed at Spring HSJCC (2019) meeting that the coordinator role change focus to education and capacity building, away from consultation
- **Sub-committee meets**
- New focus of role moves away from original mandate of Complex Care and therefore a new group, new members and new mandate suggested
- **Over the summer (2019)** PSSP/CAMH team begins drafting blueprint for new evaluation framework, communication plan, role description and logic model in preparation for new members, group...
- With need for new membership
- Need for reinvigorated mandate and focus
- Scope of work doesn't require a project team and a working group overseeing the project
- Been asked by CAMH management to transition out
- **Proposed Deliverables**
- Draft project outline, evaluation framework, communication plan, role description and logic model
- Project summary/recommendations

Themes discussed: It was acknowledged that the Taylor-Newberry report identified a need for a Service Resolution table - we knew that we had a limited budget. With the limited resources it was agreed to have a Justice Coordinator (JC) for one day per week to provide support to the existing Situation Tables. JC was hired in March 2017. Findings were brought back to the T-HSJCC acknowledging that resources were not sufficient. New direction was agreed to enhance capacity building through education.

- It was noted that the dual diagnosis sector has additional resources.
- Brain storm discussion occurred regarding: Do we continue with the one day JC role? Is this sustainable or finite? Or allocate the funds elsewhere? Continue with what is being done with/for people with complex needs.
- It was acknowledged that there are benefits with what the JC is doing because it brings other agencies and builds capacity about the justice system, its important to note that many complex needs are chronic issues.
- Can the JC be part of the Justice Centres?
- Is the JC different then a court support worker? It is challenging to build capacity when you are only navigating.

Outcome of discussion- It was agreed that the DT-HSJCC have a conversation with the members about a) what is the best way to spend \$20,000 to address complex clients needs whom are involved or at risk of justice involvement. b) Who will do the follow-up?

- The committee unanimously agreed that we do not have the resources for a full scale Service Resolution Table.
- The committee unanimously agreed for Rhona to engage the DT- HSJCC and solicit input at the next meeting and/or at the January 2020 meeting to address capacity gaps and identify needs.
- It was acknowledged that at the bail court there are gaps. For example, limited capacity to follow through. It was suggested that Rhona connect with the Bail Enhancement Program and FOCUS 51 Division to address what value can be added? Connect with Lana from Soundtime?
- The committee unanimously agreed to continue with the work of the JC based on the PSSP design and engage with the DT-HSJCC to generate ideas.

Charissa Levy and Jonathan Berger were thanked for their informative and interactive presentation.

Action Items Follow-up/Updates

- Steve Lurie reported on the Ontario Health Team proposal. Various populations are addressed by the proposal but not aware of the justice population.
- It was reported that by January the review for Mental Health and Justice will be completed. Frank Sirotich can present at the next meeting.
- Domenica Dileo reported on the Toronto Regional conducted a medical files transfer fee survey due to concerns expressed at the local level that clients/patients experienced payment to transfer their medical files in order to access medical care? Outcome of the survey was: A total of 17 members completed the survey and a large range of 30-70 in the last 12 months had heard from their clients/patients that they had to pay a fee to see a new family doctor for their transfer. It was agreed to bring the survey findings to the Provincial HSJCC table.

T-HSJCC discussion: Do we need a Toronto Regional Table?

Discussion ensued: It was agreed that there are benefits having a regional table to see what the need will be. It was suggested of having two meetings per year instead of 3-4.

- It was acknowledged that the local tables are relevant. A townhall meeting might be relevant in 2022.

T-HSJCC Leadership

- Discussion ensued regarding succession planning of the Co-Chair position of the regional table to replace the Mental Health side of the Co-chair position.
- It was agreed to do a call out to members to find out who is interested and why they are interest in the Toronto Regional Co-chair position as well as, attach the Terms of Reference.

Updates from Toronto Local HSJCCs

- The West Toronto HSJCC met on September 10th. NPower Canada presented.
- NPower Canada launches youth (18-29) into meaningful IT/Digital careers by providing free technical and professional training, paid internships, job placement and post hire support. NPower Canada currently offers two different training streams in three locations across the GTA (downtown Toronto, York Region and Peel Region) and in Calgary, Alberta. They work with the mental health and addictions communities. The program is free and runs for 15-weeks.

- There will be a Lunch and Learn on November 7th at the Metro West Courthouse. The topic is Exit Doors Here: Meeting Clients Where They Are! Presentation with Dana Riley, Outreach & Housing Counsellor of Exit Doors Here Program, Elizabeth Fry Toronto.

The Scarborough HSJCC met on September 11th. NPower Canada presented.

- There will be a Lunch and Learn on November 13th at the Scarborough Courthouse. The topic is: Cannabis and Methamphetamine – Realities on the Ground with April Trewhitt, RP Agency Lead Addictions CMHA Toronto and Robert Koslowski, Peer Worker. It will be Moderated by Dr. Samim Hasham.

The Downtown Toronto HSJCC met on September 12th. Justice Centres presented.

- There will be a a Lunch N' Learn session on Domestic Sex Trafficking of Youth: Trauma Informed Intervention and Prevention with East Metro Youth Services on October 31, 2019 at College Park Courthouse.

The North York HSJCC met on September 12th. NPower Canada presented.

- There will be a Lunch and Learn session on Domestic Sex Trafficking of Youth: Trauma Informed Intervention and Prevention with East Metro Youth Services on October 24, 2019 at the North York Courthouse. This session will not be the usual NY webinar format because of confidentiality issues for the peer worker presenting

P-HSJCC Updates:

Provincial conference is taking place on November 4-6, 2019. Conference subsidy information was circulated to the local and regional membership.

Actions:

- Domenica to circulate the Service Resoution Project presentation slide decks.
- Domenica to invite the Community Safety Wellbeing Plan staff to present at our next meeting.
- Domenica to inform members of the Mental Health Co-Chair position succession planning and ask who is interested to submit why they are interested in the position.
- Domenica to invite Frank Sirotych to present at the next meeting on the MH and J review.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 from 9:30 to Noon at CMHA, 700 Lawrence Ave. West, Suite 480 (Co-chairs meeting to follow).