



**Toronto Regional Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee
(T-HSJCC)
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 22, 2020
9:30 a.m. - Noon
CMHA, 700 Lawrence Avenue West, Suite 480**

Present: Steve Lurie (Co-chair), CMHA; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Patricia Pagnani, Toronto Bail Program; Rachel Bromberg, CAMH; Kathy Chau, CMHA; Susan Davis, Gerstein Centre; Dr. Samim Hasham, Pharmacist; Jennifer Altosaar, Toronto Network of Specialized Care; Melissa Perez, Correction Service Canada; Patricia Pagnani, Toronto Bail Program, Kathy Chau, CMHA- Toronto; Tricia Dunbar, CHIRS; Chris Boddy, Toronto Police Service; Dina Zalkind, LAO; Tazio Clarke, Victim Services Toronto

Call-in: Tammy Tinney, North York General Hospital

Regrets: Amber Kellen (Co-chair), John Howard Society of Toronto; Charissa Levy, Rehabilitative Care Alliance, GTA Rehab Network & Toronto ABI Network; Paul Van de Laar, Cota; Katie Almond, Probation and Parole; Gerald Ngangue, Christian Horizons; Debbie Lynch, CTYS, New Outlook; Jennifer Chambers, Empowerment Council; Jonathan Berges CAMH/PSSP; Rhona Zitney, Fred Victor/JC; Dunbar Leah, Toronto East Health Network; Natasha Bartlett, Fred Victor

Welcome and Introductions

Everyone Introduced themselves.

Review/Approval Minutes from October 16, 2019 Meeting

Minutes were approved with the following: spelling correction: on Jonathan Berges was corrected.

Presentation 1) Scott McKean on the Community Safety and Wellbeing (CSWB) Plan

- PowerPoint slides will be circulated to members.
- Scott works two days for the Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG) on the Justice Centres and three days with the City of Toronto CSWB.
- [The Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, S.O. 2019, c. 1, Sched. 1](#) Part XVI mandates every municipality across Ontario to prepare and adopt a Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan effective January 1, 2019. Municipalities have 2 years to complete this work.
- Municipalities must form a multi-sectoral advisory committee
- A [Community Safety and Wellbeing Planning Framework](#) has been developed by the Ministry of Solicitor General in partnership with a broad range of sectors including the City of Toronto.

- CSWB Framework encourages municipalities to shift from a focus on Emergency Response to intentionally mobilizing Risk Intervention, Prevention and Social Development approaches to, move to a culture of prevention.

How do we reduce identified risks? Four areas for critical mobilization:

- 1) Community Trauma- lack of trauma informed tools & approaches, adverse childhood experiences strategies
- 2) Community Violence – guns and gangs, interpersonal violence, intimate violence and structural violence
- 3) Harm and Victimization – address short and long term vulnerabilities, mental health and addiction, trafficking
- 4) Community Justice – Bring together justice, health, employment, education, social services etc. Issues of consideration: lack of community justice approaches, lack of culturally responses, pre-charge/post charge diversion

Engagement will begin in February – June 2020 and a final Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan will be presented to Executive Committee and Council in October 2020.

Themes discussed- are these the right areas? Needs our help regarding who to talk to? How do you want to be involved? Broad scope plan – is this a 3-5 year plan? Scope the first year and implementation in 2021, the last city plan was in 2005, trauma informed city is the long term plan which needs cultural changes, are the four areas of critical mobilization of equal importance? What are the resources for mental health response? Suggest mapping the trauma resources i.e who is doing what?

Scott was thanked for an informative and interactive presentation. He will join the T-HSJCC committee. Domenica will send him a welcome package.

Presentation 2) Frank Sirotych on Mental Health and Justice Review. Greg Suttor send his regrets.

Project Objectives: Examine gaps & shortfall with existing mental health and justice housing needs assessment and potential opportunities – 25% of applicants have criminal justice involvement, 72% homeless

Findings: Stable housing contributes to lower recidivism.

Challenges – providing adequate housing in context of rent crisis

Quantifying need- Five main types of support needs – substance use, crisis prevention/management, social connection (daytime activities), employment, trauma, criminogenic risk/needs

Issues: urgent and transitional needs - urgent access transitional housing at the bail stage of post – incarceration

Recommendations: 1) add 300 Supportive Housing (SH) units annually- MHJ over 10 years (total 3000) 2) Make 10%-20% of new units transition housing 3) Transitional Units for non-forensic clients 4) Invest in both rent subsidized, scattered rent housing and non-project owned SH 5) Increase monthly rent supplement 6) Implement evidence based intervention for 5 areas 7) Ensure MHJ support services 8) Tailor services for specialty populations 9) Collaborate in an Indigenous lead process

Themes discussed: We need more support housing, more safe beds, suggest improving the shelter system, can there be support within the shelters? ABI screening, aging population with dementia, who end up in custody, suggest looking at the male/female age, to look at the chronic homeless, seniors coming out or enter the justice system, at Provincial HSJCC there is opportunity to plan for seniors population, acknowledging trans and non-binary gender identity population.

The MHJ review will be finalized in the next month. It will be available for circulation then.

Frank Sirotich was thanked for sharing the research review and interactive presentation.

Minister Roundtable - with Gilbert Sharpe advisor to Minister Tibollo who was unable to attend this meeting. If you have two things to tell Minister Tibollo about how to improve mental health and justice services, what would they be?

Themes discussed: Lack of housing, more discussion between Federal and Provincial government, more support and increase partnership with the City of Toronto, include developmental disabilities, Toronto needs to speak with the Provincial and Federal government to address clients' needs, Scarborough has high needs that are unmet – often residents leave this community to get resources elsewhere, Inter- Ministry dialogue important to fulfill the needs of our clients, engaging service users for meaningful engagement, Toronto Police Service had 30,000 mental health and addiction crisis calls due to limited services in the civil system.

Funds for mental health and addiction is not enough, it was suggested to start with MHJ housing support regarding the MHJ 10 year plan as well as addiction in patient programs and addiction medicine. The Mental Health Commission acknowledges that housing support enhances recidivism for the MHJ and addiction population. There are programs that the government can scale up such as specialized programs/services.

Gilbert Sharpe was thanked for the opportunity to have an informative interactive conversation with the committee members.

Updates from Toronto Local HSJCCs

The next T-HSJCC meeting will take place on March 18th. The Service Resolution Project, regional and locals workplans will be reviewed and approved then.

Action Items Follow-up/Updates

- Reviewed and completed.

P-HSJCC Updates

Deferred to next meeting

Actions:

Domenica Dileo to circulate the CSWB Plan slide decks

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 from 9:30 to Noon at CMHA, 700 Lawrence Ave. West, Suite 480 (Co-chairs meeting to follow).