



**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, March 18, 2020**  
**9:30 a.m. - Noon**  
**Dial-in Microsoft Teams Meeting**

**Present:** Steve Lurie (Co-chair), Canadian Mental Health Association -Toronto; Amber Kellen (Co-chair), John Howard Society of Toronto; Susan Davis, Gerstein Centre; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Rachel Bromberg, CAMH; Samim Hasham, Clinical Pharmacist Consultant; Kathy Chau, Canadian Mental Health Association - Toronto; Tricia Dunbar, CHIRS; Tazio Clarke, Victim Services Toronto; Rhona Zitney, Fred Victor/JC; Jonathan Berges CAMH/PSSP; Natasha Bartlett, Fred Victor; Kim Paumier, Canadian Mental Health Association - Peel Dufferin; A.J. Grant-Nicholson, Legal Aid Ontario

**Regrets:** Melissa Perez, Correction Service Canada; Patricia Pagnani, Toronto Bail Program; Charissa Levy, Rehabilitative Care Alliance, GTA Rehab Network & Toronto ABI Network; Dina Zalkind, LAO; Paul Van de Laar, Cota; Katie Almond, Probation and Parole; Tammy Tinney, North York General Hospital; Gerald Ngangue, Christian Horizons; Debbie Lynch, CTYS, New Outlook; Jennifer Chambers, Empowerment Council; Dunbar Leah, Toronto East Health Network; Jennifer Altosaar, Toronto Network of Specialized Care

**Welcome and Introductions**

Everyone Introduced themselves.

**Review/Approval Minutes from January 22, 2020 Meeting**

Minutes were approved.

**Action Items follow-up**

Reviewed and completed

**Co-Chair Position Update**

There was a call out for current Committee Members to inform the current Co-chairs if they wanted to act as Co-chair for the Committee and both Susan Davis and Melissa Perez expressed interest.

A motion to appoint Susan Davis as the Co-chair, replacing Steve Lurie and to appoint Melissa Perez as Vice-chair, was passed. Kathy Chau moved the motion and it was seconded by Amber Kellen. It was agreed that CMHA-Toronto will continue as the funding transfer agency. Kathy Chau will be the contact person.

The motion was passed unanimously. New appointees' positions will be in effect in the Fall.

**Presentation 1) Toronto Service Resolution with Jonathan Berges**

- PowerPoint slide deck was circulated prior to the meeting.
- Jonathan provided an overview of the Toronto Service Resolution Project:
- Taylor Newberry report commissioned
- Recommended exploring possible development of a service resolution table for complex individuals in contact with justice system
- Decision made to second a justice coordinator to participate in local SR-like tables – offer some consultation, advice and insight where appropriate
- Over the year, 60+ consultations provided to service providers and organizations across sectors
- Showed a high level of satisfaction with support provided by coordinator
- Helped de-mystify systems, interpret language and increase confidence
- Limited in what supports were available
- Findings, report and recommendations provided to HSJCC
- 2 options forward presented - No consensus on direction reached
- Proposed at Spring HSJCC meeting that the coordinator role change focus to education and capacity building, away from consultation

#### Recommendations to Transition

- 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, logic model and project summary/recommendations
- **Themes discussed-** Jonathan will send the recommendation templates to Domenica. It was acknowledged that there is a vast skill set/knowledge within the HSJCC but buy-in is important. Rhona observed that the demand started to diminish and the educational requests were only coming from specific small organizations such as St. Felix, and St. Stephens. Engaging in collaboration sometimes resulted to having charges diverted. Can MH courts be mobile and do outreach? This can impact how planning goes for the courts( new learning). Suggested outcome to work with small agencies re: justice issues. Important to have inside access to the Crown Attorney's Office and/or team. Are the FOCUS tables a useful vehicle to diversion? Plus, there will be 2 new Justice Centres.
- It was agreed that the Toronto Service Resolution Project will continue until March 31, 2020. Rhona will be away for 9 months starting April 24th. Jonathan was thanked for the informative presentation.

**Presentation 2)** System Coordinator- complex mental health and addiction (Transitional Aged Youth)TAY, CMHA Peel Dufferin with Kim Paumier. Presentaion slides were circulated prior to the meeting.

- The System Coordinator - A unique system position and central to the success of Service Resolution.
- Housed within a designated lead agency, but accountable to the system, via a multi-organization committee.
- Have monthly meetings. Pulls together all the organizations/services/sectors that know the individual and have a potential role to play in solving core challenges. This can lead to collaborative solutions, service agreements, practice changes, exceptions, accommodations, etc.

- Have budget of \$5000 to do assessments. Have contact with about 45 people per month. Work with existing tables and have a flex fund.
- Themes discussed: FOCUS Tables have elevated risks. It was agreed that the DT-HSJCC to explore a Service Resolution Table along side of the FOCUS Tables, Justice Centres, downtown courts and smaller agencies with justice needs. The \$20,000 will be allocated at a later time. Rhona was thanked for her leadership with the project. Kim was thanked for her interactive presentation.

**Presentation 3) Legal Aid Ontario (LAO) with A.J. Grant-Nicholson and Marcus Pratt**

- Changes that took effect July 2019: LAO no longer funds representation for substitute decision makers/family members at the Consent and Capacity Board (CCB). LAO will continue to fund financially eligible incapable persons
- LAO has re-introduced merit consideration for the funding of Ontario Review Board (ORB) appeals.
- The tariff for CCB and ORB appeals has been reduced from 50 hours to 25 hours and 35 hours respectively.

Mental Health Enhancement is available for criminal law matters via block fee certificates that have also been reduced from 5 hours to 2.5 hours. Duty Counsel (DC) service changes: DC serve in-custody accused without financial testing - DC serve only financially/legally eligible clients for out-of-custody accused. There is some exception afforded to persons from priority communities.

**Themes discussed:** What ways can LAO help our clients? Would like to hear from the stakeholders. What are the barriers? What are the challenges for your clients? MH workers can't provide legal advice which applies more pressure for an informed support and decision making mechanism. It was suggested that LAO engage stakeholders and members at the Local HSJCCs. What role can LAO play within the Justice Centres? How can we help people remotely when they are in custody? Safe Beds - intake has stopped. We need to be creative regarding providing services remotely. Important to have locals' input. A.J. Grant and Marcus were thanked for their presentation.

**T-HSJCC 2020 – 2021 Workplan and budget**

Workplans and budgets were circulated prior to the meeting.

The Regional and Local Workplans were approved acknowledging that they were created prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Budget was approved, acknowledging that it will be reviewed at the June meeting. It was agreed that Domenica would purchase the TTC tokens and food vouchers.

**Updates from Toronto Local HSJCCs**

Amber Kellen reported that the Reintegration Staff are not able to go inside the Toronto South Detention Centre (TSDC). Concerned about an outbreak inside the jail. Working on keeping the Reintegration Center trailer open. Only two staff are working at the trailer leading to service reduction.

**P-HSJCC Updates**

Deferred to next meeting

**T-HSJCC Co-chairs meeting**

Deferred to next meeting

**Action Items Follow-up**

Domenica will purchase the TTC tokens and food vouchers

DT-HSJCC to explore possibilities associated with becoming a Service Resolution Table

Locals to explore legal aid challenges/barriers

Domenica will submit the Workplans with budgets to the P-HSJCC

**Next Meeting:** Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 9:30 to Noon. It will be remote only or at CMHA, 700 Lawrence Ave. West, Suite 480 (Co-chairs meeting to follow).