



**Toronto Regional Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee
(T-HSJCC)
Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2017
9:30 a.m. – Noon
CMHA, 700 Lawrence Ave, West, Suite 480**

Present: Katie Almond, Probation and Parole; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Andrew Graham, Cota; Kathy Chau, CMHA; Natasha Bartlett, Fred Victor; Nicole Nosworthy, CAMH; Amber Kellen, John Howard Society of Toronto; Rhona Zitney, Fred Victor; Jonathan Berges, CAMH; Tammy Tinney, NYGH

Call-in: Charissa Levy, Toronto ABI Network; Bill Gapen, Griffin Centre

Regrets: Steve Lurie, CMHA; Paul Van de Laar, Cota; Susan Davis, Gerstein Centre; Dr. Samim Hasham, Pharmacist; Debbie Lynch, CTYS, New Outlook; Patricia Pagnani, Toronto Bail Program; Gerald Ngangue, Christian Horizons; Melody Little, Correctional Service Canada; Mary Murphy, Defense Counsel; Jennifer Altosaar, Toronto Network of Specialized Care; Mary Jarrell, MAG; Judy Moir, CHIRS

Welcome and Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves. Katie Almond will be chairing the meeting as Steve Lurie has a scheduling conflict.

Review and Approval of March 24, 2017 minutes

The minutes of March 24, 2017 were approved.

Action Items Follow-up/ Updates

- Nicole Nosworthy reported on the Service Resolution Project. The SR Project hired Rhona Zitney as the new Justice Coordinator (JC). Nicole Nosworthy provided the context for the Service Resolution Project. The SR Project preliminary findings report was circulated and will be distributed with the meeting minutes.
- The goal of the JC is to work collaboratively with table members or service providers, provide justice-related education and provide service options to the clients with current or emerging complex justice needs. Work with the PSSP to develop recommendations.
- Following areas emerged as areas of service for the JC: education and capacity building at tables, referral path to community organizations, participation at system/policy tables.

- By August 2017 - reanalyze the data and refine the role if needed. Finalize the JC work plan for the remaining pilot year. Continue with evaluation activities.
- Themes discussed: Rhona Zitney discussed her dual roles and the overlap between the two roles that she has. Nicole Nosworthy informed the committee that they are conducting a survey. Will send a link of the survey to circulate. The SR Project was encouraged to align the evaluation with the initial Newberry report regarding the Toronto Service Resolution. It was identified the importance of having regular communication to promote the project.

Amber Kellen reported on the April 7th meeting. The goal was to address solutions for the opioid crisis at the TSDC.

- The meeting was very informative with Scott Large, Mary Dwyer, Sarah Greig (SEHRC), Michael Burgess, Amber Kellen and Samim Hasham present. They discussed current practices and identified certain gaps with respect to Opioid overdose awareness and Naloxone use.
- SEHRC discussed their concerns with opioid addiction being used as a leverage and why this is a problem. Discussed strategies how to prepare incarcerated clients going to court.
- TSDC discussed their concern with Dr. Rx being over prescribed. If inmate can't get Rx, they will receive support for symptoms. When inmates arrive at TSDC will ask if they want a Naloxone Kit and provide 5 minutes training. On departure will also provide a kit. Everyone at the table were able to express their concerns. There was wiliness for initiating change.
- Domenica Dileo reported that Samim Hasham submitted an abstract to the P-HSJCC conference and was accepted. An expert panel presentation from three perspectives (pharmacy, public health, and community support) on the opioid crisis in Toronto. Discussion will focus on historical trends and patterns; macro and micro-level systems and policy awareness and developments; solution-focused knowledge; and evidence-based best practices on what has become an epidemic public health crisis. This is an example of how the Locals identified issues of the Opioid crisis moves up to the Regional and Provincial HSJCC tables.
- Domenica Dileo reported on the Local HSJCCs Terms of Reference survey. Summary was distributed with the meeting package. The Regional and Local HSJCCs support the Terms of Reference. Suggestion to make changes with the language used. Members open to the notion of having Co-chairs.
- Discussion ensued about the process of selecting a Co-chair. What to do if it is difficult to have a volunteer to Co-chair. An interim rotating Co-chair was suggested.
- It was suggested that we ask members for anonymous feedback on the role of chair/co-chairs in the annual members evaluation. To ask whether the Chair/ Co-chairs promoted a safe environment. Add the Chair/Co-chairs role

description as part of the Terms of Reference based on the Locals Terms of Reference.

- Amber Kellen will consider the Co-chair position. It was also suggested that an email is sent to the members to encourage them to submit names for the Co-chair position – specific focus from the justice sector.
- The T-HSJCC member evaluation summary was circulated. Overall, the members support and benefit from their participation on the committee.

The budget review regarding the conference subsidy was deferred to the next meeting

Updates from Toronto Local HSJCCs

The 2016-2017 annual report was submitted to the P-HSJCC.

Highlights:

- 99% of Regional and Local committee members agreed that the meetings are helpful and informative
- 100% of Regional committee members agree that they are informed about the activities of the HSJCC
- 52 committee members attended 4 meetings and 19 members attended the meetings regularly.
- 276 Local and Regional members compared to 266 last year
- 355 participants at the Local Lunch and Learns. 35% increase from previous year of 232 participants

WT-HSJCC - Amber Kellen informed the committee that there will be a Lunch and Learn on June 15th. The topic is: Understanding basic medication-related issues in clients with common psychiatric conditions: A primer for individuals working within the justice system. They are working on a second Lunch and Learn to take place at their September 12th regular meeting. They will extend the meeting by 30 minutes. Dr. Fiona Kouyoumdjia will speak about the Correctional Institution: Health Care Challenges and Impact on Inmates.

DT-HSJCC – Katie Almond informed the committee that they are working on future Lunch and Learn sessions. Conducted a member survey on topics for the sessions. Cannabis legalization implication was a priority topic. It was suggested that we contact April Trehitt, Concurrent Disorders Lead at CMHA Toronto to present and Dr. Tony P. George, Chief of the Addictions Division at CAMH. Followed by video bail changes. How do we identify people with MH? Had a presentation on Staged Screening and Assessment & Ontario Perception of Care. It was noted that justice agencies are not included. The Provincial Secretariat presented an overview of their work and role.

S-HSJCC – Domenica Dileo informed the committee that they are conducting a survey for future Lunch and Learn topics. They are developing a plan to do

outreach to the courthouse to inform them about the committee. The main goal to move the meeting to the courthouse was to engage with the programs on site.

NY-HSJCC – Andrew Graham informed the committee that they are working on a future Lunch and Learn webinar with Dr. Goger. The topic will be Keeping Sane in an Insane World. For January 2018 a Lunch and Learn session on the topic of various levels of malingering. Voices from the Streets referred a member who will join the committee in September.

- Amber Kellen asked to add the following items to the next meeting agenda: To connect with funders for educational support? How to better coordinate transportation issues when people are released from jail. Jail looks at last address which might not be possible to return to. Can we coordinate at the Regional table? Katie Almond will follow- up with Corrections. The Health Accord is providing more funds for MH and Addiction. How do we make sure that the justice is part of the LHIN's planning? It was suggested that we have a conversation about the top three priorities for investment. It was also suggested that we identify populations as well i.e., developmental disabilities and ABI sectors as it crosslinks with justice. If we have a report we can write to the LIHNs to identify the justice issues to be considered.

Update from the PHSJCC

- Katie Almond reported that the website was launched several month ago.
- In the process of loading resources.
- It has a better searchable database.
- The Police ER protocol will be rolled out as soon as they have approval from the ministries. It has best practices and strategies for implementation.

Actions:

- Domenica Dileo to add two items to the next meeting agenda: Asking funders for educational support and coordinating transportation when incarcerated clients depart.
- Domenica Dileo to send an email to members to make suggestions for a committee Co-chair.
- Domenica Dileo to ensure that speakers names on cannabis legalization are put in the minutes for information sharing.

Next Meeting: Monday September 25, 2017 from 9:30 to noon at CMHA, 700 Lawrence Ave. West, Suite 480 (Co-chairs meeting to follow).