



**Toronto Regional Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee
(T-HSJCC)
Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2017
9:30 a.m. – Noon
CMHA, 700 Lawrence Ave, West, Suite 480**

Present: Steve Lurie, CMHA; Katie Almond, Probation and Parole; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Kathy Chau, CMHA; Natasha Bartlett, Fred Victor; Amber Kellen, John Howard Society of Toronto; Rhona Zitney, Fred Victor, Service Resolution, Justice Coordinator; Jonathan Berges, CAMH; Tammy Tinney, NYGH; Judy Moir, CHIRS; Jill Shakespear, CAMH, Jennifer Chambers; Ashley Andrew, NYGH (Student); Jennifer Deryshire, NYGH

Call-in: Bill Gapen, Griffin Centre; Chris Boddy, Toronto Police Service

Regrets: Paul Van de Laar, Cota; Charissa Levy, Toronto ABI Network; Susan Davis, Gerstein Centre; Andrew Graham, Cota; 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; Sandy Simpson, CAMH; Nancy Blades, Cota; Marianne Quirouette, University of Toronto

Welcome and Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves.

Steve Lurie informed the committee that he was not at the last meeting because he was at the Loku inquest. It was decided to have a presentation about the implications of the Loku inquest at the next meeting. Jennifer Chambers, Aseefa Sarang and Steve will present.

Review and Approval of June 14, 2017 minutes

The minutes of June 14, 2017 were approved.

Updates

Service Resolution Project

- Rhona Zitney reported on the Service Resolution Project.
- She was hired as the Justice Coordinator (JC) in March 2017.
- Outline of JC responsibilities and deliverables was circulated

- Early Observations – 18 cases supported since April 2017, 13 were provided consultation support, tracking referral sources and client’s needs identification.
- Rhona Zitney did a presentation at Open Dialogue which was well received, she provides table support - has been attending FOCUS and clinical conferences at the Toronto Network of Specialized Care, was invited to attend the Mid East Health Link
- Themes discussed: Justice system not part of the Health Links, ½ of the calls have been complex, it was suggested to check the flex funding of DSO whether it has flex funding and criteria – Rhona will follow-up. Service Resolution to connect with Project INK for dialogue. Priority issue identified so far --need for education. Is the project zone still downtown? Important to promote the project via the HSJCC. Suggestion for Rhona to present at the Local HSJCCs. It was suggested that we connect with the Peel Service Resolution Project regarding similarities and differences. How far can you stretch 8 hours per week? We need more capacity. What are the measurements of complexity? Met VS unmet needs? How long did it take VS - the resources are not there? Boundaries?
- Rhona Zitney to connect with the Toronto Police Service regarding the Community Access Portal App to find out whether she can use it to navigate services for her clients. Chris Boddy will help with the App contact and to find out what data and information can be used for the final report. Project update will be provided at the next meeting.

How to better coordinate transportation issues when released from jail?

- Discussion ensued. It is a challenge to help people with transportation needs when released from court or jail unless there is a known address. This is a provincial problem. It was suggested that we collect data from the Reintegration Centre to find out how many people need to go elsewhere. Data gathering goal is to find out how many people go out of the jurisdiction. Concern about liability if one uses the funds to go where not allowed. Provide the data to Katie Almond who can bring the information to the Red Bag Project of the Provincial HSJCC.
- Katie Almond will find out whether the MCSCS provides TTC tokens for clients or only staff.
- Next meeting to discuss whether the T-HSJCC will provide TTC tokens and/or Presto Cards.

Community Justice Centre - Moss Park CJC

Background is provided in the link below

Forum Summary link: <https://toronto.cjc-ccj.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/MossParkCJCForum1Summary.pdf>

Themes discussed:

- Look at the CJC as an opportunity
- Who is the target group for the CJC? Does it include youth? Is it the 'frequent flyers'? Is it class 1 offences which are divertible?
- Advocate for a pilot initiative to deal with pre-charge diversion. Can we look at FOCUS 51 to develop a pre-diversion pilot project?
- Ensure there is a safety strategy
- Why not increase the community resources instead of creating new ones i.e. build capacity
- How to ensure that Housing and Health are part of the issues to address to help the community
- Will there be cells?
- Important to have Toronto Community Housing as part of the project
- Look at how to better connect with purpose to divert people. Should there be staff positions for system navigation to connect people with existing services?
- The U.S. Model may not fit in the Canadian context
- Important to consult with the indigenous community

Selecting a Co-chair for the Toronto Regional HSJCC

Discussion ensued regarding the Co-chair position and having a succession plan.

Katie Almond moved the motion that there shall be a Co-chair position and appointed Amber Keller as the Toronto Regional Co-chair. Seconded by Judy Moir. Passed Unanimously

It was agreed that the New Co-chair will shadow the Chair for 1-2 years. The following Co-chair will succeed Steve Lurie. Jennifer Chambers has expressed interest in this position.

Terms of Reference

Domenica Dileo will update the Terms of Reference to reflect the change.

Budget Review

Conference subsidy - Steve Lurie informed the committee that the available subsidy budget is unknown at the moment. Discussion ensued regarding the criteria for distributing the subsidy. It was agreed that first priority will be people with lived experience, then family members of our regular membership.

Updates from Toronto Local HSJCCs

WT-HSJCC - Amber Kellen informed the committee that there will be a Lunch N' Learn on October 18. The topic is: Understanding basic medication-related issues in clients with common psychiatric conditions: A primer for individuals working within the justice system. Had a successful Lunch and Learn on

September 12 with Dr. Fiona Kouyoumdjia. The topic was *Opportunities to Improve the Health Status of Persons in Custody in Ontario*.

DT-HSJCC – Katie Almond informed the committee that they are working on two Lunch and Learn sessions. One on Access to Justice: Video Bail. The committee has an active Lunch N’ Learn sub-committee. Planning an evening session on the topic of Legalization of Cannabis and Implications. Looking at having the evening session accredited by various bodies. It will be a panel discussion. Increased people with lived experience membership on the committee.

S-HSJCC – Domenica Dileo informed the committee that they are conducting a members survey on the gaps and barriers of complex clients needs. Having a dialogue with the System & Sub-region Planning & Integration (Scarborough North) Director to discuss roles. Planning a Lunch and Learn on November 1, 2017 with April Trewhitt presenting on Cannabis and Psychosis. Increased membership from the Toronto East Detention Centre and Probation and Parole.

NY-HSJCC – Tammy Tinney informed the committee that they are working on a future Lunch and Learn webinar with Dr. Gojer. 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.

Update from the PHSJCC

- Katie Almond reported that Dr. Michaela Beder from St. Michael’s Hospital presented on the experience of immigration detention.
- Working on an Indigenous engagement plan
- In the process of loading resources.

Actions:

- Domenica Dileo to update the Terms of Reference
- Domenica Dileo to circulate SR meeting materials
- Add TTC tokens and Presto Cards to next meeting agenda

Next Meeting: February 12, 2018 from 9:30 to noon at CMHA, 700 Lawrence Ave. West, Suite 480 (Co-chairs meeting to follow).