



**Toronto Regional Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee  
(T-HSJCC)  
Meeting Minutes  
October 31, 2018  
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
CMHA, 700 Lawrence Avenue West, Suite 480**

**Present:** Steve Lurie(Co-chair), CMHA; Amber Kellen(Co-chair), John Howard Society of Toronto; Susan Davis, Gerstein Centre; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Rhona Zitney, Fred Victor/Service Resolution Justice Coordinator; Jennifer Altosaar, Toronto Network of Specialized Care; Jonathan Berges,CAMH/PSSP, Stephanie Gloyn, CAMH/PSSP; Natasha Bartlett, Fred Victor; Paul Van de Laar, Cota; Charissa Levy, Rehabilitative Care Alliance/GTA Rehab Network/Toronto ABI Network; Tazio Clarke, TEDC; Arthur Stratton, Probation and Parole; Kathy Chau, CMHA; Tricia Dunbar, CHIRS; Matt Hollingshead, CAMH/PSSP

**Call-in:** Chris Boddy, Toronto Police Service

**Regrets:** Katie Almond, Probation and Parole; Patricia Pagnani, Toronto Bail Program; Gerald Ngangué, Christian Horizons; Melody Little, Correctional Service Canada; Mary Murphy, Defence Counsel; Sandy Simpson, CAMH; Jennifer Chambers, Empowerment Council; Dr. Samim Hasham, Pharmacist; Debbie Lynch, CTYS, New Outlook; John Akioyamen, NYGH; Sylvia Starosta, Cota; Nancy Blades, Cota

**Welcome and Introductions**

Everyone introduced themselves. Steve Lurie chaired the first part of the meeting and Amber Kellen the second part.

It was agreed that the meeting will start with the Service Resolution Report.

**Presentation: Service Resolution- Determing Next Steps**

Charissa Levy and Paul Van de Laar presented on the Service Resolution(SR) Project. Presentation PowerPoint slide decks were circulated prior to the meeting. This included the Toronto Service Resolution Project Growth Strategy (October 25, 2018).

Objectives: Review Service Resolution Project Options; Determine an option for the HSJCC to support and next steps

Project Goals: To identify gaps in access and support for individuals with complex needs in the justice system; Develop recommendations for integration of justice supports into the existing social and justice systems

Complex Care Sub-Committee role:

Provide direction and leadership to the SR, serve as a connect and liaison with HSJCC members and regional tables

Justice Coordinator - .2 FTE, collect information to identify gaps, provide justice-related education and enable more appropriate service options with emerging complex justice needs.

CAMH PSSP Team – conduct data collection, analysis and synthesis and support Complex Care Sub-committee

Project Timeline were outlined

Jennifer Altostar reported that Rhona Zitney attended the Surrey Place Conference Table. Capacity building was created as a result of Rhona's participation. Thus, their Conference Table justice gap was being addressed. The knowledge exchange provided by the Justice Coordinator had multiple impacts in capacity building. Everyone at the table gained justice knowledge that was shared with other co-workers.

Natasha Bartlett reported that the outreach that Rhona is doing as justice coordinator enhanced the portfolio of the court worker. Natasha is supervising the two roles that Rhona has as a court worker and justice coordinator.

Benefit of the Justice Coordinator role was discussed: The educational piece is a key component to breaking down barriers as well as bringing people together such as the DSO and MH sectors. The Justice Coordinator was able to provide an alternative path which is different from the court support work role. It was noted that elevated risks are misunderstood, we don't always know what we mean? How are chronic needs addressed? It was acknowledged that chronic needs are not addressed by the Focus Tables? Focus Tables measure success if the referral does not need help again. It was acknowledged that the SR decreased the communication gap of the cross sectors as this was not happening.

Data presented by the CAMH PSSP Team: Emerging trends includes contacts per month, referral sources and existing justice needs.

Two options were presented and discussed. Option 1: Refine and build on the Justice Coordinator role. Option2. Transform a Local-HSJCC into a Service Resolution Process

Members engaged in an exercise to consider option within the criteria by giving a score that best meets the criteria.

Discussion ensued dealing with which option responds better to the needs of the system? Which has the greater potential impact? Which option aligns more clearly

with the goals and mission of the T-HSJCC? Which option has a greater likelihood of success? Which option are you more excited about?

Pros and cons were discussed for option 1 and 2. There was concern that option 2 requires more resources.

The committee unanimously agreed to continue with option 1 but continue to explore option 2. The T-HSJCC to pursue and secure additional funding to support either option.

The importance of the CAMH PSSP support for the continuation of the SR was acknowledged. The PSSP will need to know what their role looks like and awaiting approval from their manager.

The CAMH PSSP team and Rhona Zitney were thanked for their support and contribution to the SR project.

### **Action Items Follow-up**

- Action items were reviewed and completed.

### **Terms of Reference**

Deferred to next meeting.

### **TTC Tokens and Presto Cards**

Domenica Dileo reported that currently there are no changes regarding distribution as we can still purchase individual fares.

### **Updates from Toronto Local HSJCCs**

- Natasha Bartlett reported on the DT-HSJCC meeting presentation of the Assessing and Treating People with Brain injury in the Mental Health Diversion Program: A Collaboration with Fred Victor with Robin Green, PhD, CPsych and Mary Boulos, MSc Candidate, U of T. PowerPoint slides were circulated to HSJCC members.
- The DT-HSJCC was exploring options of supporting the SR project. Discussion continuing at their November 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.
- Arthur Stratton reported on the NY-HSJCC. They are working on the next Lunch and Learn taking place on November 22, 2018. The topic is Police Powers Under the Mental Health Act- Application and Alternatives. Their next meeting is November 1 2018. Arthur was welcomed as the new Co-chair for the NY-HSJCC.
- Tazio Clarke reported on the S-HSJCC. They are planning a Lunch and Learn on November 7<sup>th</sup> addressing Mental Health, the Legal Profession and Racialized communities in Scarborough. Tazio was welcomed to the committee as the new S-HSJCC Co-chair.
- Amber Kellen reported on the WT-HSJCC. They had a successful Lunch and Learn on October 25<sup>th</sup> Forty Seven attendees. The topic was psychosocial and legal perspectives on Dementia with Julia Chao and Vivian Ropchan. The Reintegration Centre (RC) rental agreement will not be renewed as of January 31. They are looking at mobile options. Any suggestions please contact Amber.

- Amber reported that the John Howard Society of Toronto (JHS-T) received standing in the inquest into the death of Bradley. They are working with lawyers at the law firm of Daniel Brown LLP.
- Kathy Chau reported on the New courthouse. They are building a full-scale mock in Brampton and consultants are invited. It was agreed to coordinate for Beverly Leonard from MAG be invited to the next T-HSJCC meeting.

### **Update from the PHSJCC**

Amber Kellen reported on the PHSJCC. The PHSJCC is developing their three year strategic plan and are requesting the support of the Regional and Locals to conduct a priority setting exercise with their members and submit the identified priorities by December 14<sup>th</sup>.

It was agreed Domenica Dileo will send out the priority setting survey to the regional and local members.

### **Actions:**

- Domenica Dileo to add to next meeting agenda - Terms of Reference.
- Kathy Chau to invite Beverly Leonard to provide an update on the New courthouse at the next meeting.
- Domenica Dileo to circulate a priority setting survey to the Regional and Local members and circulate the summary to HSJCC members.

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