

Toronto Regional Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee (T-HSJCC) Meeting Minutes June 23, 2016 9:30 a.m. - Noon Cota, 700 Lawrence Ave, West, Suite 325

Present: Steve Lurie, CMHA; Paul Van de Laar, Cota; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; A Kathy Chau, CMHA; Jennifer Altosaar, Toronto Network of Specialized Care; Andrew Graham, Cota; Susan Davis, Gerstein Centre; Judy Moir, CHIRS, Natasha Bartlett, Fred Victor

Call-in: None

Regrets: Debbie Lynch, CTYS, New Outlook; Charissa Levy, Toronto ABI Network; Mary Jarrell, MAG; Susan Adams, Defense Counsel; Sandy Simpson, CAMH; Mike Federico, Toronto Police Service; Katie Almond, Probation and Parole; Amber Kellen, John Howard Society of Toronto; Stephanie Gloyn, Justice Service Collaborative; Patricia Pagnani, Toronto Bail Program; Marianne Quirouette, University of Toronto; Scott Large, TSDC; Gerald Ngangue, Christian Horizons; Susan Boucaud, Toronto East Detention Centre

Welcome and Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves. Susan Davis informed the committee that she will chair the first part of the meeting and Steve Lurie will be arriving later.

Review and Approval of March 7, 2016 minutes

The minutes of March 7, 2016 were approved.

Action Item Follow-Up

- Invitation to the MAG to present to the committee on the New Courthouse was completed.
- The DT-HSJCC SWOT analysis on centralized access system was completed. Susan Davis has shared the SWOT report with one funder with the possibility of sharing with others.
- Update on whether CAMH Research Team can provide a fact sheet about what's not functioning in the system was deferred

Update from the Provincial System Support Program

Deferred to next meeting

Updates from the Toronto Service Resolution Project

• Paul Van de Laar reported on the TSRP. The committee has been meeting monthly. Working on the client and service provider perspective in order to explore how the process will look like. They are developing a concrete process for individuals involved with justice and complex needs that create a challenge to the system. It will be a model of shared care instead of referral. There will be replacement for Stephanie Gloyn when she goes on parental leave.

Updates from Toronto Local HSJCCs

- Andrew Graham reported on the NY Lunch and Learn webinar on Legal and Psychosocial Perspectives on Immigration and Refugee Law with Ronald Poulton and Jordan Pachiarz, which took place on May 30th. Seventy-two people registered for the webinar and 38 attended. In addition, 27 attended at the courthouse. The feedback was excellent. Offsite support was provided in partnership with OCASI.
- They had a presentation from Across Boundaries.
- Discussion took place regarding people with lived experience joining the committee(s)
- It was acknowledged that having clarity in a form of a policy would be beneficial for the locals on how to include people with lived experience.
- It was acknowledged that having a Local and Regional formalized process for membership would be important and beneficial.
- There was a meeting among the programs at the NY courthouse that provide TTC tokens and food vouchers to address distribution and clarify distribution roles to ensure accessible distribution for people in need. Some agencies have limited resources which affects what is available. Access to transportation and food vouchers is becoming more challenging for people in need.
- There was discussion about accessibility to transit and the importance of bringing this issue to the Provincial level because it's part of OW and ODSP. Several anti-poverty groups are addressing this issue. What role can the T-HSJCC and P-HSJCC provide?
- Susan Davis reported on the DT-HSJCC. They had a Lunch and Learn on June 15th. The topic was Navigating Services: The Developmental Sector with Jennifer Altossaar from the Toronto Network of Specialized Care and Melanie Randall from the Developmental Services Ontario (DSO). It was well received.
- The membership has increased from Victim/Witness Assistance Program, Vanier Centre for Women, Toronto Public Health, Probation and Parole,
- Domenica Dileo reported on the WT-HSJCC. They had a presentation from the Reintegration Centre Peer Support Program. The presentation was well received.

 Domenica Dileo collated the member evaluation and distributed it to the members. This process has provided new opportunities for members to share their insight that illustrate the objectives and goals of the HSJCC. Fortyeight per cent of the regional and locals regular members completed the evaluation. This past year we had 35 new members join the regional and local committees.

Update From the PHSJCC

Steve Lurie reported on the PHSJCC. They have developed a workplan from 2016-2019.

- Had a webinar in June to inform the HSJCC Network how the Priority Setting exercises informed the workplan.
- The Police-Hospital Transition Project is working on best practices.
- The conference committee has confirmed the date for the next conference. More information to follow. It was agreed that Domenica Dileo follow up with Jenna Hitchcox to resend the information on how members can join the conference committee.
- There was discussion regarding priority setting for the Toronto Regional. Is the committee looking at the PHSJCC to set the committee's priorities? How do we participate with Provincial priorities with current resources? Should the PHSJCC priorities be for all? What happens if we are not able to follow PHSJCC priorities? Summary of the discussion: We need a balance. It was agreed that it would be beneficial to align with PHSJCC priorities as well acknowledging that the Toronto Regional and locals need autonomy. It was suggested that we canvas the members regarding how they can participate when the committee would like to take a project on.

The New Courthouse Consortium

 Beverly Leonard presented on the New Courthouse. It was agreed that Kathy Chau will be the Lead from court support programs to coordinate the data gathering regarding how physical space is currently being used and give suggestions about potential courthouse usage.

Actions

- Domenica Dileo will follow-up with asking Jenna Hitchcox to resend the information how members can join the conference committee.
- Update on whether CAMH Research Team can provide a system analysis of what's not functioning in the system to create a fact sheet of how the system is operating

Next Meeting: Friday, October 7, 2016 from 9:30 to noon at CMHA, 700 Lawrence St. West Suite 480 (Co-chairs meeting to follow).