



**Toronto Regional Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee
(T-HSJCC)
Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2012 - 9:30 am-11: 30 am
CMHA West Office**

Present: Steve Lurie, CMHA (Chair); Allar Viinamae, MCSCS; Bill Gapen, Griffin Centre; Chris Boddy, Toronto Police Service; Jim McNamee, CAMH Law and Mental Health Program; Judy Moir, CHIRS; Katie Almond, Probation and Parole; Paula McLellan, Toronto Bail Program; Nancy Blades, COTA Health; Laval Binns, MCSCS; Charissa Levy, Toronto ABI Network; Susan Morris, CAMH Dual Diagnosis; Frank Sirotich, CMHA-Toronto; Amber Kellen, John Howard Society; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC Coordinator.

Regrets: Carole Sinclair, CAMH Scarborough Addiction Services Partnership (SASP) & MAARS; Susan Davis, Gerstein Centre; Stuart Goldman, North York General Hospital; Susan Adams, Defense Counsel; Mike Federico, Toronto Police Service; Mohamed Badsha, Reconnect; Patricia Fleischmann, Toronto Police Service; Sandy Simpson, CAMH Law and Mental Health; Robert Abbatangelo, COTA Health.

Agenda

- Item 7 – Frank Sirotich – Housing Report on Mental Health and Justice deferred to the next meeting

Welcome and Introductions

- Domenica Dileo was introduced as the new HSJCC Coordinator and everybody introduced themselves.

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Update on the ConnexOntario Mental Health Helpline/Police access line

- As of June 2012, the police access line has been transferred to ConnexOntario. There are no operational changes to the police access line, only a different provider.
- To date, there is no information on the number or type of referrals.
- There had been preliminary discussion to address police training needs. Possible training venue would be the Toronto Police College.

- Historical background about the under utilization of the police access line which led to the transfer of the line to ConnexOntario was provided.
- ConnexOntario is a 24/7 service that provides information and referral on available mental health services. They have an extensive database. Organizations are supposed to send information about their services to be part of the ConnexOntario database for information and referral.
- Frank Sirotich was acknowledged for his ongoing work with ConnexOntario. He has been providing knowledge and insight on mental health data gathering and reporting.

Update on Complex Committee

- Susan Morris presented on the work of the Complex Committee, specifically the Complex Committee Workplan.
- A hard copy of the T-HSJCC Complex Committee Workplan was available at the meeting.
- The Complex Committee is exploring representation of FASD.
- Workplan item 5 was read: Monitor access between the Toronto ABI Network and the Network of Specialized Care regarding cases that cross over with the developmental sector.
- Workplan item 6 was read: Broader service resolution process in Toronto for complex clients. Need to survey HSJCC network to see if it's necessary. This item will be discussed at the HSJCC Co- chairs' meeting to identify questions to bring forth to local HSJCCs.
- Charissa Levy, Executive Director of the Toronto ABI Network, informed the committee about the Toronto ABI network.
- The network has been in existence since 1995. During the 1990's the Ministry developed the infrastructure for community support programs to repatriate the people with brain injury (ABI) who were going to the United States to get service.
- The Network provides coordination, information and referrals to community services and the health care sector. The goal is to ensure that individuals with acquired ABI have access to needed programs.
- The Network receives referrals for people in jail.
- The Network works on projects to connect the ABI community and healthcare sector by breaking down barriers and creating connections.
- Sandi Bricker will be attending the ABI advisory committee to talk about the network of specialized care.

Q and A

- Do we have any idea how many people with complex needs are in the system and where there is a mismatch? Suggestion to conduct an initiative - for one day, do a count of people with complex needs. This approach has been done successfully in other countries, i.e., England.
- Discussion ensued about the data gathering and accuracy when there are challenges such as professionals not knowing how to identify people with

ABI. It is difficult to get data because assessment is a problem. There are also the issues of misdiagnosed and undiagnosed. It was acknowledged that ABI is generally underreported.

- What data do you use to count people with complex needs? A large number of individuals have not been diagnosed. What measure/approach do you use to measure individuals who have not been diagnosed?
- People brainstormed about data gathering.
- Frank Sirotich has CMHA data for people before the courts. Jim McNamee will look into the Forensic data at CAMH. Bill Gapen can also look at what data Griffin Centre has available.
- What are the strategies to provide the appropriate service for individuals?

There was unanimous support to move in the following direction:

- Start with the available data, i.e., court and forensic. The system does not diagnosis individuals. We start where the individual is. Further suggestion to look at data from parole and corrections. Katie Almond will look into the possibility of whether Parole and Correction data can be utilized.
- Where are people now with the current resources? What can we do? It was suggested that we continue moving forward and develop alternatives. It was suggested that we look at different models when we look at alternatives.
- It was acknowledged that the findings from the Reconnect/CHIRS project will inform and provide insights for this dialogue.
- HSJCC will have a budget surplus. People at the meeting supported using the surplus towards a data gathering pilot project.

Autism Registry

- It is currently operating in Ottawa and wants to expand across Canada. It is in partnership with RCMP and Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC). The registry is having good results.
- It is looking to fundraise. Suggestions about where they can go for funds were requested. It cost \$250,000 for the first year and will take \$75,000 per year to maintain the registry. It was acknowledged that raising money nationally is a challenge. It was suggested that they pilot the registry in some provinces and try to receive provincial funding.

Update on PHSJCC

- Katie Almond reported on the PHSJCC.
- The PHSJCC is moving towards a new direction and Toronto's uniqueness will be maintained in the new direction.
- The main issue for the new direction is that the current structure is not sustainable and they need to be effective and increase capacity.
- Establishing a Provincial HSJCC secretariat will enhance capacity and effectiveness of the PHSJCC.
- The new direction will enhance knowledge transfer and better engage membership of the Regional and local HSJCCs.

- The new direction will divide the province into seven zones; Toronto will be one of the zones. This will allow HSJCC information and new knowledge to float upwards. Chris Higgins is the main person to send information to.
- The new direction will allow for more time for members to spend on projects/research and look at best practices.
- The MOHLTC is currently funding all the local HSJCCs.
- Next step is to get funds for the full-time secretariat position.
- MOHLTC brought to the table the issue of accountability across the province. It is requesting the HSJCC members' contact information and the HSJCC Workplan.
- Advantage for new structure is that it will increase knowledge transfer i.e., using webinar, and facilitate a more effective catalyst for change.
- The next P-HSJCC conference will take place November 2013 at the Toronto Marriott Downtown. Toronto members only have to pay for admission.

EnAbling Change Project

- Steve Lurie presented on the CMHA EnAbling Change Project. Project information was distributed prior to the meeting.
- The project was a result of a presentation that Steve Lurie and Frank Sirotich, had done at the Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG) about how to communicate supports to people with MH issues. This was in context of the new Accessibility for Ontarians with Disability Act (AODA).
- MAG asked for CMHA to partner in developing a project. The result is the EnAbling Change Project, which was distributed to HSJCC members. The main focus of the project is "Providing Communication Supports for People with Mental Health Disabilities: A Training Strategy for the Justice Sector".
- Using existing material on stigma as the base to develop the training material.
- The training will include web-based tools.
- Question raised: What do you do with intellectual disabilities?
- By March 2014, will have material available to do anti-stigma work. Local HSJCC Lunch and Learns and the justice sector, i.e., the courts, can use this work.
- Suggestion was made to use pictures to explain the system. This will allow accessibility to knowledge for individuals with intellectual disabilities and literacy issues, non- English speakers, etc. Surrey Place has done work on using pictures. Susan Morris will provide the link.
- Steve Lurie and Frank Sirotich volunteered time towards the EnAbling Change Project.
- It was recommended and all agreed to use surplus money from the Toronto - HSJCC towards the EnAbling Change Project

John Howard Presentation on the Reintegration Project

- Amber Kellen from the John Howard Society presented on South Etobicoke Reintegration CENTRE Planning. Planning material was distributed prior to meeting.
- The New Toronto South Detention Centre will be the largest complex in Canada. Planned to open April 2013.
- 1650 remanded offenders awaiting trial and 325 on weekend passes
- 1/3 of the people will be homeless
- There is no men's shelter in South Etobicoke.
- The objective of the Reintegration Project is to bring community partners to offer triage service and to be as close to the jail as possible.
- To move people (from jail) out of the community to their 'home' community and not to provide on-going case management.
- JH is looking for a location to lease near the new detention centre. It has been challenging to find space but hopeful they can provide service when the Toronto South Detention opens.
- A community engagement group has been created.
- Current project partners include: Humber College, Salvation Army, African Canadian Legal Clinic, Albion Housing, Reconnect, COTA, Multi-faith, LAMPCHC.
- Bill Gapen from the Griffin Centre informed Amber Kellen that the Griffin Centre is interested in connecting with JH in terms of how they can help and have a role.
- Potential of 180 to 200 people being discharged a week from the new South Toronto Detention Centre.

Q and A

Can the work of John Howard be part of the data gathering (discussion above)?

- Discussion ensued about what questions can be added to screening to address dual diagnoses and ABI. We need to keep in mind that data collection is limited to addressing the clients' pathways. Majority of people do not get diagnosed. However, there was support that given the large population of the new Detention Centre, it can provide a window of opportunity to gather data to better serve the clients/patients.
- Jim McNamee (CAMH) has a proposal to put a team in new Mimico – Forensic group that can help. He will speak to Linda Moore at CAMH to see what's possible.

Realignment at CAMH

- Jim McNamee reported on the realignment at CAMH as part of the strategist planning process. There will be a centralized intake process to simplify access and provide better service.
- Realignment of CAMH Programs – 9 programs based on diagnosis are moving to 4 programs based on treatment - Access and Transition, Ambulatory Care and Structured Treatment, Under Served Populations (includes new Child

and Youth Unit), and Complex Mental Illness.

- Jim McNamee to send diagram explaining the realignment.
- Domenica Dileo to send slide deck distributed at the DT-HSJCC meeting on CAMH.

Local HSJCC Updates

- **DT-HSJCCC** - The Lunch and Learn group is meeting next week.
- **S-HSJCC** - Symposium on "*Emerging Issues In Our Aging Population: A Discussion of Legal and Mental Health Issues Affecting Our Clients*" will take place on November 8th. Symposium will be open to the HSJCC locals.

Actions

- Jim McNamee will look into the available Forensic data at CAMH.
- Bill Gapen will look at available data at the Griffin Centre.
- Katie Almond will look into the possibility of whether Parole and Correction data can be utilized.
- Jim McNamee to send diagram explaining the CAMH realignment.
- Domenica Dileo to send CAMH slide deck on the Law and Mental Health Program.
- Susan Morris will provide the link on using pictures to explain system navigation.

Next T-HSJCC meeting:

March 28, 2013

9:30 am – 11:30 am

CMHA, 700 Lawrence Ave. West. Suite 480

(Co-chairs' meeting will follow)