



**Toronto Regional Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee
(T-HSJCC)**

**Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2013 - 9:30 a.m.-11: 30 a.m.
CMHA West Office**

Present: Steve Lurie, CMHA (Chair) Paula McLellan, Toronto Bail Program; Mohamed Badsha, Reconnect; Susan Morris, CAMH Dual Diagnosis; Amber Kellen, John Howard Society; David Raponi-Monk, John Howard Society; Gary Calverley, MCSCS; Judy Moir, CHIRS; Michelle Coombs, Elizabeth Fry; Trevor Wereley, PSSP, CAMH; Sajedah Zahraei, CAMH; Nina Acco Weston, CAMH; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC Coordinator, Robert Abbatangelo, COTA Health

Regrets: Allar Viinamae, MCSCS; Bill Gapen, Griffin Centre; Jim McNamee, CAMH Law and Mental Health Program; Katie Almond, Probation and Parole; Susan Davis, Gerstein Centre; Stuart Goldman, North York General Hospital; Susan Adams, Defense Counsel; Clarissa Levy, Toronto ABI Network; Sandra Bricker, Toronto Network of Specialized Care; Laval Binns, MCSCS.

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Everyone introduced themselves.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

- The Agenda was approved with the following change: Item 3 - We do not have to make a decision on the Justice Collaborative.

3. Review the Minutes of October 4, 2012 and January 30, 2013

- The minutes of both meetings were approved.

4. Justice Collaborative - Overview provided by Sajedah Zahraei.

- There are 18 service collaboratives. Four will be Justice Collaboratives. Toronto and Champlain have been chosen so far as two areas to start the Justice Collaborative. Toronto will focus on adults.
- The Justice Collaborative is part of the Ministry's ten-year mental health and addictions strategy.
- The Ministry has identified Toronto and Champlain as the two areas that will address adult and justice.

- The January 30th T-HSJCC meeting was the starting point. Main focus to date has been community engagement to look at the gaps and barriers, and then identify what the building blocks to address them.
- Sajedeh Zahraei has met with all the Toronto HSJCC locals and the Complex Committee.
- Based on the community engagement thus far, a needs and gaps information sheet was distributed. The CAMH PSSP “Community Engagement Strategy for the Toronto Justice Service Collaborative” was distributed.
- The next stage in the process is to look at the HSJCC membership to address stakeholders that are missing from the membership.
- On April 10, 2013 a Town Hall meeting is scheduled. All T-HSJCC members are invited, including new stakeholders.

Broader perspective

- Needs validation process
 - What are the needs of the clients? A report will be completed at the end of the first phase looking at the needs, gaps and resources. The report will be disseminated at the end of May 2013.
 - Key questions: What did people see as the gaps in membership? Who should we engage with?

The following issues were identified:

- People being stuck in the system and released with no support. Support happens ad hoc.
- Gap in gender-informed/responsive service was discussed.
- Trauma informed services are lacking.
- Toronto collaborative has many challenges and issues.
- How much focus from the adult justice collaborative will be local?
- There have always been gaps and needs. Should address what has worked with what has been done so far. Concerns expressed with revisiting the needs and gaps.
- Suggestion was made to do an evaluation at the local level. What can we learn about the local? What has worked in the justice network and what is the capacity? Catalogue the process, improvement and gaps.
- The collaborative project will have an 18-month implementation process
- Aboriginal courts are in parallel with other courts. Sajedeh Zahraei met with the Aboriginal Legal Service addressed that their clients do not use court diversion or other services. They are interested in accessing court diversion.
- Other groups to connect with were suggested – Women’s Mental Health and Addiction Group, The Dream Team, Advocacy Resource Centre, Child Welfare, FASD.
- Immigration issues were identified as an area to address.
- The intension of the Service Collaborative is to see best practice being applied to the system.
- For the local service collaborative reports see <http://servicecollaboratives.ca>

- It was suggested that staff at the justice sector could be interviewed to see what is missing at the junctures points where justice and health meet. Need to look at the juncture point not the transitional point. i.e., courts and police. What can we do to prevent police intervention?
- Conversation and data validation process go hand in hand

Discussion points re decision -making and next steps:

- The April 10th Town Hall meeting will be an information session for discussing the process.
- Following the April 10th meeting, interested parties will be asked to meet again to refine/ develop options for the justice collaborative. Results will be reported to HSJCC and there will be a link as the collaborative develops.

Update from the T-HSJCC Complex Committee - Data Gathering Project

- Deferred to the next meeting.

Update from PHSJCC

- Have been reviewing the Terms of Reference. Has moved to enhance the structure, and project involvement from local and regional HSJCCs

Updates from Toronto Local HSJCCs

- WT- HSJCC: continuing to focus on training and educational development, and improving participation of police. Humber River has an MCIT team.
- DT- HSJCC: Working on Lunch and Learn sessions for April and May. April 17, 2013 Wayne Skinner will present on Concurrent Disorders: Recovery Approaches to Complex Problems. May session will be on pharmacology.
- NY: HSJCC Working on a May Lunch and Learn with Dr. Peter Collins speaking on major disorders and symptoms. The Committee wrote a letter of support for an MCIT unit in the North York Catchment area.
- S-HSJCC had a successful symposium on Emerging Issues In Our Aging Population with guest speaker Patricia Fleishmann.

Business Arising

- Based on discussion about issues clients are dealing with at jail, David Raponi-Monk will put together a list of issues to circulate for input.
- John Howard Society working on getting a lease for the Reintegration Centre.
- Update and discussion curriculum suggestions on the Enabling Change Project will take place at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: June 13, 2013 at 9:30 am to 11:30 am at Reconnect, 56 Aberfoyle Crescent 4th floor.