



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

Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2013

9:30 a.m. - 11: 30 a.m.

Reconnect, 56 Aberfoyle Crescent, 4th floor

Present: Steve Lurie, CMHA (Chair); Bill Gapen, Griffin Centre; Mohamed Badsha, Reconnect; Katie Almond, Probation and Parole; Susan Morris, CAMH Dual Diagnosis; David Raponi-Monk, John Howard Society; Linda Ngan, Toronto ABI Network (on behalf of Charissa Levy); Cindy Han, Elizabeth Fry (on behalf of Michelle Coombs); Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Meredith Kushnir, CAMH Provincial System Support Program; Josina Vink, CAMH Provincial System Support Program.

Regrets: Allar Viinamae, MCSCS; Susan Davis, Gerstein Centre; Stuart Goldman, North York General Hospital; Susan Adams, Defense Counsel; Jim McNamee, CAMH Law and Mental Health Program; Paula McLellan, Toronto Bail Program; Patricia Fleischmann, Toronto Police Service; Sandy Simpson, CAMH Law and Mental Health; Charissa Levy, Toronto ABI Network; Judy Moir, CHIRS; Laval Binns, MCSCS; Gary Calverley, MCSCS

Welcome and Introductions

- Everybody introduced themselves.

Review and Approval of March 28, 2013 minutes

- The minutes were approved with the following amendment: under Regrets change Clarissa Levy to Charissa Levy.

Update on the Justice Collaborative and Decision

- Steve Lurie introduced Meredith Kushnir, Community Engagement Coordinator, Provincial System Support Program (CAMH) and Josina Vink, Regional Implementation Coordinator (CAMH).
- The Justice Collaborative has evolved since the January T-HSJCC meeting. The Justice Collaborative's data gathering results confirm the work that the HSJCC has been doing and also identify gaps. Justice Collaborative staff met with the T-HSJCC locals and the Complex Committee to gather their needs and gaps. Once the Justice Collaborative completes the needs validation process in early October, there will be a decision on which Justice Collaborative project is

selected. Then the T-HSJCC will review our committee's role and function in relation to activities planned by the collaborative

- Meredith Kushnir and Josina Vink reported:
 - They been working on the Justice Collaborative since January 2013, gathering data, and meeting with people and committees.
 - Forty-eight people (23 T- HSJCC members) attended the April town hall meeting, which was mainly an information session.
 - They have collected a host of needs, which were divided into 12 themes, and created a system of mapping that feeds the needs validation report.
 - The Town Hall meeting was followed by the inaugural June 11 meeting.
 - The following issues were identified: prevention, interaction with police, connecting to diversion programs as an option, transition between police and ER, psychiatric assessments, need for individual consideration, need for accommodation, pressure to plead guilty, gender specific issues, trust and honesty issues, racism and cultural misunderstanding, need for long term planning, housing, seniors, stigma, link between trauma and stigma.
 - Priority issues that are emerging include housing, support for specific populations as they go through the system, discharge planning, prevention and discharge. A summary report of the Toronto Justice Service Collaborative (J-SC) is attached.
 - The July 17, 2013 J-SC meeting will be focused on working on narrowing the gap.

Update from the T-HSJCC Complex Committee

- Linda Ngan reported on the May 29, 2013 forum *Bridging the Gap: A closer look at addictions, mental health, brain injury and the justice system*. A survey was conducted at the forum with the following results:
 1. What could be done differently:
 - improve the treatment model
 - improve collaboration across service providers/sectors (e.g., partnerships with agencies that would bring ABI expertise to MH or addictions agencies; cross training)
 - increase access to resources/services
 - increase education/awareness
 2. Potential future initiatives:
 - provide clinical education
 - improve treatment options/access
 - advocacy
 - housing
 - Susan Morris acknowledged Charissa Levy's leadership in creating a very successful forum.

Note: Forum presentations are on the ABI Network website <http://www.abinetwork.ca>

Data Gathering project:

- Susan Morris reported that data has been gathered from CAMH and Court Diversion. Susan will meet with Katie Almond to find out what data Probation and Parole has that can be included. Data has been submitted to Optimus SBR at CAMH for a data report.
- There was no report on Service Resolution. The Complex Committee has initiated a discussion about Service Resolution. The Complex Committee has FASD representation

Update from the Enabling Change Project

- Steve Lurie provided background on the project, which was a result of a presentation that he and Frank Sirotich made to the Human Justice Coordinating Committee at the Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG) about how to communicate supports to people with MH issues. The MAG office approached them in the context of the new Accessibility for Ontarians with Disability Act (AODA) to identify the communication issues that present barriers. The main issues are stigma and knowledge about mental illness. The target groups for the project are the administrative staff at the courts, and tribunals, lawyers and judges.
- Joe Bornstein and the members of the Health Innovations Group conducted a comprehensive needs assessment that concluded there is no dedicated training in justice to understand what mental health issues. A basic communication/educational package has been developed. It includes what mental health is, medication information, scenarios and resources. It will be put online in partnership with CAMH. There will be a meeting next week to look at opportunities to develop and test it. Once the curriculum is developed, it can have wider availability. They hope to complete the testing and evaluation by March 2014.
- Steve Lurie will send a summary report of the Enabling Change Project to be circulated.

P-HSJCC update

- Katie Almond reported that the P-HSJCC restructuring includes a proposal for full-time staff. They completed two webinars — *Strategies for Implementing Effective Police – Emergency Department Protocols in Ontario* and *Strategies for Community Service Providers Engaging in Communication with Correctional Facilities in Ontario*. Both webinars were well attended.
- The next P-HSJCC conference will take place November 25-27, 2013. It was agreed in principle to subsidize T-HSJCC members who are in need. Twenty thousand dollars was allotted to the P-HSJCC November conference education fund subsidy

- A tiered system will be applied to the distribution of the education fund subsidy. — first call to members of the HSJCC; second call to the Justice Collaborative. Allocations will be made on a first come, first serve basis.
- Susan Morris announced that there will be an annual disability conference on November 7-8, 2013. She will send the information for distribution.
- It was suggested that HSJCC Lunch and Learn could be webinars. Domenica Dileo will follow-up with Katie Almond about ENET contact.

Actions

- Steve Lurie will send summary report about the Enabling Change Project to be circulated.
- Susan Morris will send information about an annual disability conference on November 7-8, 2013 for distribution.
- Domenica Dileo will follow-up with Katie Almond about ENET contact.

Next Meeting:

- October 31, 2013 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am at Reconnect, 56 Aberfoyle Crescent 4th floor (followed by the Co-chairs Meeting).
- It was suggested that Deputy Chief, Mike Federico be invited to update the committee on the Toronto Police Service activities.