



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

**Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2013
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Reconnect, 56 Aberfoyle Crescent, 4th floor**

Present: Steve Lurie, CMHA; Judy Moir, CHIRS; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Elana Glass, Duty Counsel; Chris Harris, PASAN; Umwali Sollange CH & E Specialist (RIC-JC), GTA Region; Debbie Lynch, CTYS, New Outlook.

Call-in: Paula Beard, Legal Aid Ontario, Linda Ngan, Toronto ABI Network (on behalf of Charissa Levy); Amber Kellen, John Howard Society; Carole Sinclair, MAARS/SASP; Susan Morris, CAMH Dual Diagnosis; David Raponi-Monk, John Howard Society; Susan Boucaud, Toronto East Detention Centre.

Regrets: Bill Gapen, Griffin Centre; Allar Viinamae, MCSCS; Susan Davis, Gerstein Centre; Stuart Goldman, North York General Hospital; Susan Adams, Defense Counsel; Charissa Levy, Toronto ABI Network; Laval Binns, MCSCS; Gary Calverley, MCSCS; Katie Almond, Probation and Parole.

Welcome and Introductions

- Everybody introduced themselves.

Review and Approval of June 20, 2013 minutes

- Approval of the minutes of June 20, 2013 meeting was moved by Judy Moir and seconded by Susan Morris. Carried.

Update on the Justice Collaborative and Decision

- Steve Lurie introduced Umwali Sollange, CH & E Specialist (RIC-JC), GTA Region, and provided the historical background. In January 2013, the Justice Collaborative (JC) approached the T-HSJCC to present to the T-HSJCC members the scope of the JC. The JC met with the T-HSJCC committees to inform them about the JC and the process. The process is still unfolding and the final decision will be made by the JC.
- Umwali Sollange acknowledged that the JC complements the HSJCC and that the vision of the JC is to complement the work of the HSJCC.

- Umwali Sollange slide deck presentation will be distributed with the minutes.
- In the past few months the JC has meet five times. Two priorities were identified: the sensitivity of first responders and limited discharge planning services. A working group was established to narrow the focus of the gap/issue. The working group recommended limited discharge planning as the focus. Another working group has been established to develop a gap statement.
- A rationale was provided as to why it would be beneficial to recommend looking at discharge at the front end of the system. Not all courts have the same resources. Bail conditions can be unrealistic, leading the person to re-offend. There can be limited communication needs on arrest, i.e., follow-up on medication when one leaves the courts. There is a lack of coordination between bail and the courthouse. Having a third party, i.e., the JC examine each court house mandate can address the gaps and the population(s) that are not being served. Screening tools are important because not everybody self identifies as having MH.
- There is a database for court support programs including court 102. For example there is a lower rate of referral to the forensic system in the Scarborough court because they are able to do comprehensive assessments.
- At the court's juncture point there is information from various sources, that make early intervention possible, e.g., police statement, domestic supplement report, information provided by sureties that can indicate if the person has MI.
- The JC's next steps are confirming a shared objective, mapping service, exploring intervention options and selecting an intervention.

Update from the T-HSJCC Complex Committee

Data Gathering Project

- At their December 18, 2013 meeting, the Complex Committee will discuss the data gathered from two reports: the Court Diversion Complex Care Clients (CMHA) Calendar 2009 and the Complex Clients Discharged from CAMH in 2012-2013.
- Funds are available if the Complex Committee needs them to support a Service Resolution Table.

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 in 2012 to the Human Justice Coordinating Committee at the Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG). The presentation topic was 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.
- Heather Stewart, professor at Queens University, has done extensive work on stigma, and has worked with the Mental Health Commission of Canada. She

helped design the project. The goal of the Enabling Change Project is to equip justice professionals to better respond to MH issues, and to recognize and make recommendations about directing resources but not to advocate for new resources.

- Joe Bornstein and the members of the Health Innovations Group were hired to provide a comprehensive needs assessment that concluded there is no formal training in Justice to understand mental health issues. Data was collected through a literature review and interviewing service users and court workers. The consultants recommended training and education.
- CAMH is developing an online training curriculum package, which uses a trauma-informed approach. It will include sections on: How Do You Identify MH?, Effects of Medication, strategies to make the justice system more barrier free, and tips on what to do. It can be linked to ConnexOntario, OHRC, and CAO. The training is available 24/7 online. They are looking into how the training can be mandated or offered as a credit. CAMH will do an evaluation of the training package.
- Steve Lurie will keep the T-HSJCC abreast when the training package is completed. The project will be completed by March 2014.
- The Enabling Change project can enhance the work of the Justice Collaborative.
- CAMH will be invited to the next T-HSJCC to present on the training curriculum.

P-HSJCC update Steve Lurie reported that

- 380 people registered for the P-HSJCC conference, which will take place November 25-27, 2013.
- the HSJCC was approached by the Interministerial Directors Committee to select three best practices that work with the police across the province. The report will be available shortly.
- the P-HSJCC approached the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for secretariat resources.

Updates from Toronto Local HSJCCs

- David Raponi-Monk reported that S-HSJCC selected two new Co-chairs at their November 2013 meeting: Susan Boucaud, Metro Toronto East Detention Centre and Carole Sinclair, MAARS/SASP.
- David Raponi-Monk was thanked for his leadership, contribution, commitment and dedication to improving the lives of people dealing with mental health, addiction and justice issues.
- Stuart Goldman is leaving North York General Hospital. Andrew Graham, Cota was selected as the new NY-HSJCC Co-chair.
- Mohamed Badsha and Laval Binns are moving on. The new WT-HSJCC Co-chairs are Elana Glass, Duty Counsel and Debbie Lynch, CTYS, New Outlook.
- It was decided that Domenica Dileo will draft a thank you letter to send to the departing Co-chairs in recognition of their contribution to the HSJCC.

Business Arising

- Many people expressed interest in inviting Deputy Chief Mike Federico to inform the T-HSJCC about the Police Service's work on mental health. Domenica Dileo spoke with Chris Boddy about having the Deputy Chief do a live webinar. Domenica Dileo will inform members when a date is confirmed.
- Umwali Sollange informed the committee that Scadding Court is having a police complaints forum. She will send the information to Domenica Dileo for distribution.

Actions

- Umwali Sollange's slide deck will be distributed with the minutes.
- Domenica Dileo will draft a thank you letter to send to the departing Co-chairs in recognition of their contribution to the HSJCC.
- Domenica Dileo will inform members when a date is confirmed for a webinar with Deputy Chief Mike Federico.
- Umwali Sollange will send information on the Scadding Court Police Complaints Forum to Domenica Dileo for distribution.

Next Meeting:

Friday, January 24, 2014

9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at CMHA, 700 Lawrence Avenue West, Suite 480 (followed by the Co-chairs Meeting).