



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

Meeting Minutes

March 28, 2014

9:30 - 11: 30 a.m.

CMHA, 700 Lawrence Avenue

Present: Steve Lurie, CMHA; Carole Sinclair, MAARS/SASP; Amber Kellen, John Howard Society; Susan Davis, Gerstein Centre; Nancy Blades, Cota; Judy Moir, CHIRS; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Umwali Sollange CH &E Specialist (RIC-JC), GTA Region; Kathy Chan, CMHA; Patricia Pagnani, Toronto Bail Program; Deputy Chief Mike Federico, Toronto Police Service; Chris Boddy, Toronto Police Service; Dorina Simeonov, CMHA; Andrew Graham, Cota; Nicole Giles, CMHA; Susan Morris, CAMH

Call-in: Charissa Levy, Toronto ABI Network, Susan Boucaud, Toronto East Detention Centre; Laval Binns, MCSCS

Regrets: Katie Almond, Probation and Parole; Bill Gapen, Griffin Centre; Frank Sirotich CMHA; Allar Viinamae, MCSCS; Susan Adams, Defense Counsel; Brad Tamcsu, MCSCS; Debbie Lynch, CTYS, New Outlook; Amanda Napier, Correctional Service Canada; Paula Beard, Legal Aid Ontario; Melissa Fee, Correctional Service Canada; Mohamed Badsha, Reconnect

Welcome and Introductions

- Everybody introduced themselves.

Review and Approval of January 24, 2014 minutes

- The minutes of January 24, 2014 were approved.

Webinar: A Conversation with Deputy Chief Mike Federico

- Steve Lurie introduced Deputy Chief Mike Federico. Deputy Chief Federico covered a number of topics related to police interactions with mentally ill persons. The webinar is available at <http://eenet.ca/the-human-services-and-justice-coordinating-committee-community-of-interest/>
- Police Reference Check Program- Mr. Federico also discussed policy reference checks in response to a question.
 - The disclosure of mental health information includes suicide attempts and whether there was harm done to others. This is only disclosed to the employer or volunteer organization if they have a memorandum of

understanding with the Toronto Police outlining the need for disclosing this information.

- An applicant may seek to have non-conviction information excluded from the results of a reference check so that this information is suppressed for the purposes of a Vulnerable Sector Screening Police Reference Check.
- The Police Service Website has information on the application process for suppressed non-conviction records for vulnerable sector checks.
- The Deputy Chief was thanked for the successful and informative webinar. It was recommended having a Webinar called *A Conversation with Deputy Chief Mike Federico* as an annual HSJCC event.
- The webinar was recorded and will be uploaded to the website. Dorina Simeonov will provide a summary of the key messages from the webinar. Domenica Dileo will attach the summary of the webinar and distribute with the meeting minutes.
- Domenica Dileo and Dorina Simeonov were thanked for organizing today's webinar.

Update from Justice Collaborative (JC)

- Umwali Sollange reported on the Justice Collaborative. The Toronto Justice Collaborative Model (Draft) was distributed. Domenica Dileo will attach it to the meeting minutes.
- An orientation document is being developed to orient new members to the JC.
- Two sites are identified for the JC pilot project: a community site and a justice site.
- Legal Aid and the Reintegration Centre will be key partners.
- Key elements of the model are Holistic Needs Assessment and Planning, Warm Hand Off, and Timely Access To Appropriate Services and Follow Up.
- Committee members advised that the interventions need to be concrete and actionable and make use of existing resources They could be tried on a small scale and then scaled up
- Umwali Sollange thanked the committee for sharing their insights.

Update from the EnAbling Change Project

- Steve Lurie reported that the project team is working with Ministry of the Attorney General and the project advisory committee to finalize curriculum content.
- In the next 3-6 months the EnAbling Change curriculum will be produced and followed by the online tool.
- The HSJCC can have access to the curriculum materials and we will discuss potential involvement in training

Update from the T-HSJCC Complex Committee

- Susan Morris reported that the committee is submitting a budget request for 2014-2015 funding to hire a consultant to conduct a needs assessment. A copy

of the \$20,000 funding request was distributed. Domenica Dileo will attach it to the meeting minutes distribution.

- The consultant would be hired to identify the scope of the target population for a Service Resolution process for complex clients who are in the justice system.
- The Mental Health sector does not have a Service Resolution process in Toronto. The DT-HSJCC has been discussing a Service Resolution process to have a more comprehensive approach.
- In the past the T-HSJCC has funded conferences for HSJCC members to attend.
- A motion was put forward for the T-HSJCC to support the hiring of a consultant at \$20,000 to conduct a feasibility study to look at a Service Resolution Table. Moved by Susan Morris, seconded by Susan Davis. The motion was passed unanimously.

Update from PHSJCC

- Dorina Simeonov reported that the PHSJCC submitted a housing submission for the 2014 pre-budget consultations. She is working on an election message that builds on the housing submission themes. The submission is available on the HSJCC website at www.hsjcc.on.ca
- On March 27, 2014 there was a webinar about ABI and FASD. The webinar has been uploaded to the HSJCC website www.hsjcc.on.ca There will be more special population webinars in the future.
- Steve Lurie reported that Addictions and Mental Health Ontario report recommends investing in supportive housing as the most cost-effective approach to help people with mental health and addictions. Steve Lurie will send the report to Domenica Dileo to include it in the meeting minutes distribution.

Updates from Toronto Local HSJCCs

- It was decided to delegate the authority to the HSJCC chairs to review the locals and Complex Committee 2014-2015 work plans and budget requests.
- Caroline Sinclair reported on the S-HSJCC. They created a sub-committee to look at the role of consumer survivors on the committee. They are working on coordinating support for homeless clients discharged from the Detention Centre, connecting with a pharmacist, an ID Clinic, shelters and housing support.
- Membership is increasing with eight new members from shelters, housing support services, ID clinics, police and a community pharmacist.
- Lunch and Learns continue to be a feature for all locals. Locals are continuing with creating the webinar options.

Business Arising

- The W-HSJCC has two new Co-chairs - Patricia Pagnani and Amber Kellen. They will share the Co-chairs role with Debbie Lynch.

Actions

- Dorina Simeonov will provide a summary of the key messages from the webinar and Domenica Dileo will distribute it with the meeting minutes.

- Domenica Dileo will attach the funding request made by the Complex Committee to the meeting minutes.
- Domenica Dileo will distribute the JC draft model.
- Steve Lurie will send the Addictions and Mental Health Ontario report to Domenica Dileo to include it in the meeting minutes distribution.

Next Meeting

June 6th, 2014 at Reconnect, 56 Aberfoyle 4th floor from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.