



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

**Meeting Minutes  
December 5, 2014  
9:30 - 11: 30 a.m.**

**CMHA, 700 Lawrence Avenue West, Suite 480**

**Present:** Steve Lurie, CMHA; Allar Viinamae, MCSCS; Umwali Sollange CH &E Specialist (RIC-JC), GTA Region; Patricia Pagnani, Toronto Bail Program; Andrew Graham, Cota; Paul Van de Laar, Cota; Deputy Chief Mike Federico, Toronto Police Service; Sandra Bricker, Toronto Network of Specialized Care/Surrey Place Centre; Kathy Chau, CMHA; Claudia Brabazon, Justice on Target; Melody Little, Correctional Service Canada; Jennifer Gravelle, Correctional Service Canada; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC;

**Call-in:** Bill Gapen, Griffin Centre; Susan Boucaud, Toronto East Detention Centre

**Regrets:** Katie Almond, Probation and Parole; Susan Adams, Defense Counsel; Amber Kellen, John Howard Society; Debbie Lynch, CTYS, New Outlook; Paula Beard, Legal Aid Ontario; Laval Binns, MCSCS; Susan Davis, Gerstein Centre; Judy Moir, CHIRS; Carole Sinclair, MAARS/SASP; Charissa Levy, Toronto ABI Network; Paula Beard, LAO; Sandy Simpson, CAMH, Diana Korn-Hassani, Toronto Police Service; Marianne Quirovette (University of Toronto); Frank Sirotych, CMHA

**Welcome and Introductions**

- Everyone introduced themselves.
- New members; Claudia Brabazon, Justice on Target; and Melody Little, Correctional Service Canada were welcomed to the committee.

**Review and Approval of September 12, 2014 minutes**

- The minutes of September 12, 2014 were approved.

**Update on Policing**

- Deputy Chief Mike Federico provided an update on Judge Iacobucci's report "Police Encounters with People in Crisis 2014" which made 84 recommendations. A key element of the report is that it reflects the needs rather than a description of a person in crisis. One theme that arose from the report is that a systemic and systematic approach to people in crisis needs a community response.
- The report is available on the [www.torontopolice.on.ca](http://www.torontopolice.on.ca) website.

- It recommends establishing an implementation advisory committee. The focus of the committee is to offer advice. Members from key stakeholders such as, hospitals, community mental health organizations, and police services should be included as well as people with lived experience. However, the committee should not be a duplication of the HSJCC.
- Steve Lurie informed the committee about the Provincial HSJCC and its problem solving work. For example, it developed an Info Guide to assist police services and hospitals in Ontario to reduce emergency department wait time for police officers who accompany people during a mental health crisis (2013).
- Mr. Federico reported that the Mobile Crisis Intervention Team (MCIT) is a partnership with the Toronto Police Service (TPS), participating hospitals and the Central LHIN's. Recently, NYG was added as the sixth team.
- MCIT requires an analysis due to the limits of its hours of operation.
- The Toronto Police dispatch receives approximately 20,000 emotionally disturbed calls per year and approximately 8,000 of these involve apprehensions under the Mental Health Act.
- By March 2015 the Police Service will have more details on the implementation progress regarding the report's recommendations.
- There was support for a collective framework to identify issues. What are the issues on the ground that effect the police? Annually, identifying a few indicators can be helpful.
- Steve Lurie informed the committee about a new Mental Health and Addictions Leadership Council which has been established to guide and monitor the provincial mental health and addictions strategy.
- Mr. Federico was thanked for updating the committee on policing.

**Presentation:** Claudia Brabazon - Justice on Target

- Presentation handout will be distributed with the minutes. Highlights of the presentation:
- Justice on Target (JOT) was launched in 2008 to address criminal court delays. Initially it was a pilot project. In 2012 its mandate was renewed. It brought the first-ever evidence based approach to the criminal justice system. Set an aggressive four-year target to reduce the average number of days and appearances to complete a criminal charge by 30%. Public progress reports were posted regularly on the ministry's website.
- By using Regional Coordinators on the ground, and in conjunction with local and regional leadership, the JOT has developed a culture of collaboration and information sharing.
- Local and Regional Leadership Teams identify issues at each court site and develop evidence-based solutions to suit local needs. Examples include: Streamlined intake, defense counsel access, bail vettor and EPSR.
- The JOT also offers data analysis in the form of various analytical tools to measure success and track progress at the provincial and local levels. Issues

quarterly reports on the provincial progress and bi-monthly to each court site.

- By June 2012 the provincial average number of appearances and days needed to complete a criminal charge were reduced by 8.1% and 6.6% respectively.
- Now working on improving the Bail Phase and its focus on the over reliance of sureties. It is reviewing the effectiveness of sureties and under what conditions they can be better used.
- There has been consultation surrounding bail issues through the formation of the Bail Experts Table (BET). After ten months of meeting with a wide variety of organizations, it came up with a series of recommendations, which are now being implemented through the establishment of local bail committees and an "Implementation Team" co-lead by JOT and the Ontario Court of Justice.
- In January 2015 Video Bail will be available at College Park. However, first appearances are in person. Defense Counsel must determine whether video bail is an option.
- Toronto South Detention Centre (TSDC) will have Video Bail.
- There was discussion surrounding accessing services and bail.
- Claudia Brabazon informed the committee that there is an emergency psychiatric service at Sunnybrook Hospital. The hospital is staffed with a psychiatric nurse who provides short-term follow-ups and on going care plans. She agreed to forward information about this.
- Claudia Brabazon was thanked for her informative presentation.

#### **Update from Justice Service Collaborative**

- Umwali Sollange reported on the Justice Service Collaborative (JSC). The JSC has two pilot sites – College Park and the Reintegration Centre. The needs identification tool is completed and being used as the intake form at the Reintegration Centre (RC). The RC is located at 215 Horner Avenue (across the street from the Toronto South Detention Centre).
- The JSC is developing the service coordination process, working with partners to build a process for community based organizations to receive referrals and coordinate supports. Timeline - December to March 2015.
- College Park is progressing. Currently they are addressing challenges.
- The JSC is also working on a two-part Justice and Housing Policy Paper. The first part will be the literature review; the second part will have evidence informed data to address the housing and related support needs of people with mental illness/and or addictions leaving the criminal justice system. Paper to be completed by March 31, 2015.
- The next JSC meeting will take place on December 10, 2014.

#### **Update from the T-HSJCC Complex Care Sub-Committee**

- Paul Van de Laar reported on the Complex Care Sub-Committee. Taylor Newberry Consulting was hired to research and recommend model(s) of

Service Resolution. The committee's work is focused on the Service Resolution Process. The research process to engage with key informants, and focus groups has started. The aim is to have broad representation.

- Bill Gapen posed the question whether the target population for the Service Resolution Project is for individuals with complex care needs who are at risk and/or involved with the criminal justice system. It was agreed that the focus should be on people who are at risk or involved with the criminal justice system.

#### **Update from PHSJCC**

- PHSJCC updates were deferred to the next meeting

#### **Updates from the Toronto Local HSJCCs**

- Allar Viinamae reported that the Toronto West Detention Centre has decommissioned to the TSDC. He asked committee members to provide feedback about visitation and stays at the TSDC. He will inform Brad Tamcsu at the TSDC about the feedback. His contact information is:  
[Allar.Viinamae@ontario.ca](mailto:Allar.Viinamae@ontario.ca)
- Local's updates were deferred to the Co-chairs meeting.

#### **Next Meeting**

Friday, March 6th, 2014 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon at  
CMHA, 700 Lawrence Avenue West, Suite 480 (followed by the Co-chairs meeting)