# Toronto Regional HSJCC – Complexity Committee

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## Purpose of today's discussion

Shared concern re the 'complex' population

Results to date from the Complexity
 Committee initiatives

Discussion of provincial directions in this area.

#### Purpose of the committee

Established Fall 2009

#### Who:

- Those currently involved with the criminal justice system and those with complex needs who are at risk of coming into contact with the law
- Cognitive/physical disabilities and mental health need who are falling through the cracks

#### **Participants**

• ABI, Dual Diagnosis, Developmental Disabilities and Mental Health sectors

#### **Purpose:**

- Understand how the systems work or do not work together
- Create capacity
- Monitor system developments
- Information sharing

### **Initiatives**

Mental Health and ABI survey

ABI/Reconnect pilot partnership

 Developmental sector clinical case consultation and service resolution model

opportunities for collaboration re ABI

clients

## Mental Health & ABI Survey

- Survey of Providers working in ABI and Mental Health/Justice Sectors, Spring 2011
- 195 responses received from ABI Service Providers
- 191 responses received from Mental Health Providers Of these 12.5% reported working in the criminal justice system (i.e., police, lawyer, justice of the peace, court diversion, prison staff)

## Initial conclusions



## Key Findings – ABI Providers

Most significant <u>challenges</u> encountered when supporting individuals with a mental illness:

- Accessing appropriate community mental health resources 86%;
- Challenges with treatment 77%;
- Accessing urgent mental health support 59%

Most significant opportunities:/

- The ability to consult mental health service providers 84%
- Increased use of resources already developed (e.g. SUBI) 65%
- Education about mental illness 56%

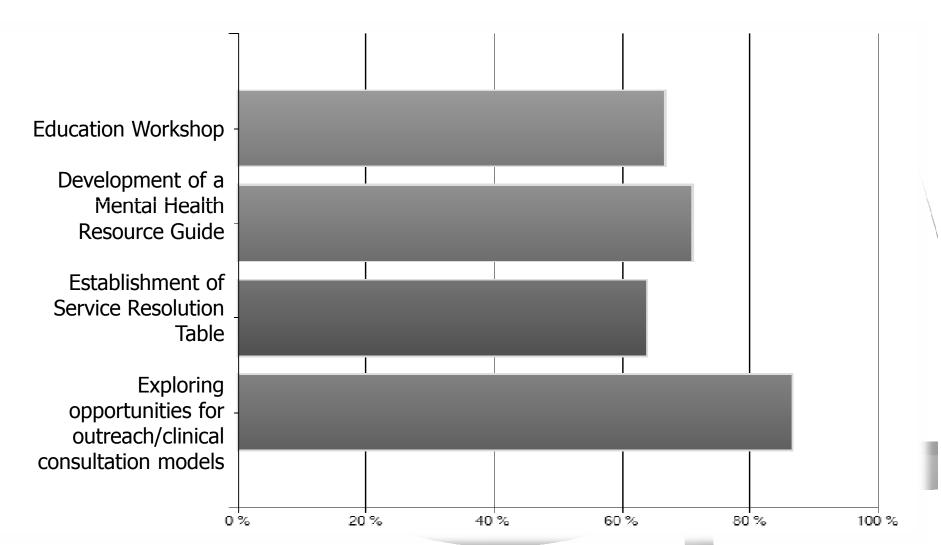
## Key Findings – MH Providers

Most significant <u>challenges</u> encountered when supporting individuals with an ABI:

- Accessing appropriate community services 79%
- Treatment/intervention 73%
- Housing placement 55%
- Screening/identifying the brain injury 52%
  Most significant opportunities:
- Access to community ABI services 86%. Within that:
- Housing reported as the most significant need 65%
- Access to behaviour therapist 59%; ABI Ψ 57%
- Access to day programming & case management 54%

# Key Findings

Recommended initiatives to address some of the issues identified in supporting individuals with ABI and mental illness



## **Next Steps**

 Continue to explore opportunities for collaboration with mental health / justice providers re: clinical case consultations, education, and other initiatives as identified

# ABI/Reconnect partnership

- Develop and implement cross training for ACT/ABI workers
- Participate in shared care for 5 individuals with ABI and serious mental illness.
- Implement screening for ABI within the ACT team
- Develop and pilot guidelines for the development of future partnerships

## Approach

 CHIRS Community-based ABI service providing case management and outreach supports

Reconnect ACTT team

■ 5 Cases

■ 3 ACT referrals

■ 2 CHIRS referrals

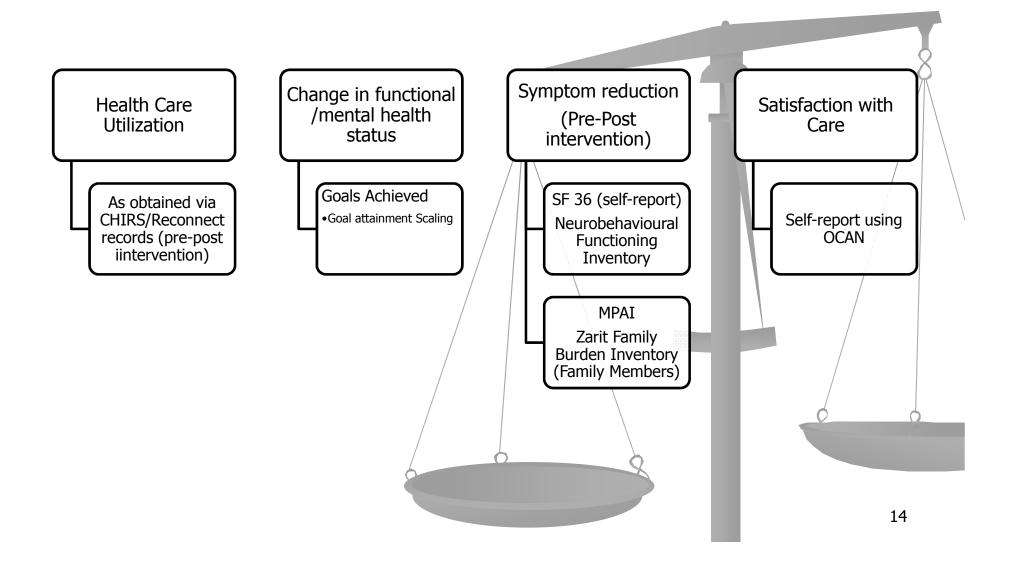
#### Methods

 All clients will meet ACTT criteria for admission or be current ACTT clients

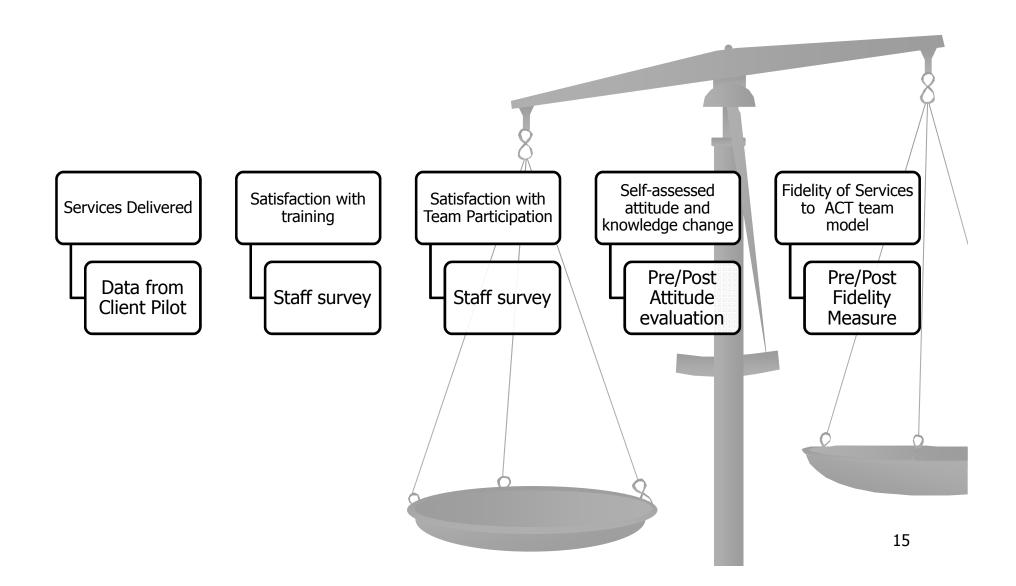
Cross training provided

Shared care implemented

## Client Outcomes



## **Team Outcomes**



#### **Current Status**

- Two of five clients in service
- Initially staff at both agencies were concerned about the 'other' client group
- Informal feedback suggests that the groups now recognize that they are already serving the 'other' group
- Communication is the biggest challenge
- Differing definitions of acute need

## DS and ABI sector

#### Purpose

■ To establish clear access point for ABI sector to developmental / dual diagnosis sectors

#### **Approach**

Presentation to committee, site visits

#### Results

In process

## Learning to date

- Each sector has much greater understanding of the other eligibility, admission processes, continuum of services (or lack thereof)
- Share similar challenges e.g. access to knowledgeable psychiatric services, integration into generic service system, staff concerns re ability to adequately support client in other system, primary diagnosis approach
- Increased trust and growing linkages that are facilitating access between the 3 sectors
- Initially training is best focused on the commonalities between patient populations
- Agencies need to determine which clients they serve best and how to link with other services in the continuum.
- Explore registry of vulnerable clients as per Ottawa example
- Continue to advise each other re system development strategies

#### Discussion

