



Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 9, 2022
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting

Present: Susan Davis (Co-chair), Gerstein Centre; Tammy Tinney, North York General Hospital; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Natasha Bartlett, Fred Victor; Patricia Pagnani, Toronto Bail Program; Julie Osbelt, Toronto ABI Network; Tricia Dunbar, CHIRS; Kathy Chau, CMHA Toronto; Dana Riley, PWLE; Bozena Sikora, Community Network of Specialized Care; Kyra Schrader, (On behalf of Bradley Scarr) MNO; Nikki Browne, Nikki Knows; Rachel Bromberg, International Crisis Response Association

Regrets: Sue MacLennan, Aboriginal Legal Clinic; Debbie Lynch, CTYS, New Outlook; John McInnes, Judiciary; Samim Hasham, Clinical Pharmacist Consultant; Carol O Neil, Mennonite Central Committee Ontario; Lin Sallay, Cota

Land Acknowledgement:

Susan provided the Land Acknowledgement, recognizing the history of the Indigenous Peoples and their contribution to the land we stand on. It was encouraged for members to share the Land Acknowledgement among the members.

Welcome and Introductions:

Everyone introduced themselves.

Review/Approval Minutes from the January 9, 2023 Meeting

Motion to approve the January 9th meeting minutes by Tammy and seconded by Tricia. The minutes were approved.

Action Items follow-up

Reviewed and completed.

Review and Approval of the Toronto Regional HSJCC Honoraria Policy

- Proposed policy was circulated before the meeting
- It was agreed to note that the policy will be reviewed annually
- Policy was unanimously approved with the additional annual review clause

Toronto Locals Updates

Regional and Locals' workplans for 2023-24 were included with the meeting package.

DT-HSJCC Susan provided the report.

- The committee met on March 2, 2023
- The workplan 2023-24 with the budget was approved
- Discussion ensued regarding why we come together to solve problems. Do we have an impact to make changes at the provincial level? The committee is trying to figure out how to utilize its 'voice' to make changes. This is a challenging and ongoing process.
- Susan stated that the Anti-Racism Lunch and Learn Series has been well received and participants affirm the importance of anti-racism educational sessions in the context of mental health and the justice system. Participants at these sessions reflect the cross-sectoral members of the HSJCC.
- Meeting attendance continues to increase.

WT- HSJCC: Patricia provided the report.

- At the March meeting, the committee approved the 2023-24 workplan and budget which emphasizes and maintains the Anti-Racism work and prioritizes communication with the courthouse staff and the jails.
- Mark Linton, Co-chair of the TSDC Reintegration Planning Table presented at the March meeting.
- The 2201 Finch Avenue West courthouse is the Toronto Region Bail Centre. She noted that for the next while it is important to be patient as many moving parts need to come together regarding the new courthouse transition. The courthouses' move to the new courthouse should end in May. She stated that in the fall the WT-HSJCC will revisit what can be done with the transition.
- The next meeting will take place on May 2nd, 2023.

NY-HSJCC Tammy provided the report.

- At the March meeting, the committee approved the workplan 2023-24 and the budget.
- Orson Payne, Family Support Worker at Reclaiming our Communities Investing in our Youth presented at the meeting.
- The NY-HSJCC led session 4 of the Anti-Racism Series, addressing the professional perspective with Shawna Kelly and Dr. Welsley Crichlow.

S-HSJCC Dana provided the report.

- Dana reported that the committee approved the workplan for 2023-24 and the budget.
- Tasha Castagnier-Seery, Manager Ambulatory & Community Mental Health and Substance Use Programs, at Scarborough Health Network presented at the March meeting.
- The committee will lead the final Anti-Racism Series session taking place on March 23rd, 2023, on "What Can Be Done".

Update from Toronto Regional Anti-Racism Ad Hoc Group

- Susan noted that the Lunch and Learn sessions have been open to the Toronto Regional and Local HSJCCs members as well as the Provincial HSJCC network.
- Anti-Racism Series Session 5 is taking place on March 23, 2023

Approval of Toronto Regional Workplan for 2023-2024:

- Discussion ensued regarding the term 'equity seeking groups' noted on the proposed workplans. It was agreed to change this term to 'groups experiencing systemic barriers to equity'.
- The Toronto Regional and Locals' workplans 2023-24 and the budget was unanimously approved. They will be submitted to the Provincial HSJCC.

Current Issues:

- New Toronto Courthouse and Regional Bail Centre potential impact on the HSJCC discussion took place.
- The Locals and Regional members will monitor these changes to be discussed at our meetings.
- The Toronto Locals will have a mega meeting in the fall to address the courthouses' transitions and impact on the Toronto HSJCCs. This will likely take place on a Thursday from 8:30 to 10:00 am.
- Discussion ensued about being approached by people who are not serving people connected to the Toronto Regional or Local HSJCCs courthouse(s).
- Susan acknowledged that this is a new issue because of the virtual nature of the meetings, allowing people outside the geographical area that locals serve to attend meetings. Additionally, the virtual Lunch and Learns are available to people around the province and across the country.
- Benefits of an open-door membership are: supporting people to learn about mental health and the justice system.
- Cons: People Open-door membership could lead to the meeting participants not reflecting the Locals' members-driven mandate with regards to collaborating and addressing service problems at the local level.
- It was suggested to have a different membership, such as core & non-core members. Non-core members do not have voting rights and would be identified as non-core members.
- We do have a correspondence-only membership.
- It was agreed to discuss this at the Local level for input.

Updates from Provincial HSJCC

- Provincial Conference - November 15-16, 2023

Did we accomplish our intentional values based on our new objectives at this meeting?

- It was acknowledged that our equity intention values were practiced.

Action Items Follow-up:

- Domenica will send the next meeting invite to committee members and will add to the Locals meeting agenda discussion regarding Terms of Reference membership criteria and review.

The next meeting will be held virtually on Thursday, June 8th, 2023 from 9:30am to 11:00am. Tricia will provide the Land Acknowledgement.