

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 18, 2024
9:30 am – 11:00 am.
Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting

Present: Sarah James (Co-chair), JHS Toronto; Tammy Tinney, North York General Hospital; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Natasha Bartlett, Fred Victor; Natasha Bronfman, Mental Health Advocate; Victoria Younge, Cota; Debbie Lynch, CTYS; Daniella Bendo, Western University; Voula Marinos, Brock University

Regrets: Susan Davis (Co-chair), Gerstein Centre; Tazio Clarke (Co-chair), City of Toronto; Scott McKean, City of Toronto; Carol O’Neil, Mennonite Central Committee Ontario; Brad Scarr, MNO; Imtiaz Mousalien, TAIBU Community Health Centre; Patricia Pagnani, Toronto Bail Program; Sikora Bozena, Community Network of Specialized Care Toronto Region; Julie Osbelt, Toronto ABI Network; Tricia Dunbar, CHIRS; Dana Riley, E Fry Toronto; Melissa Maguire, Community Reintegration TEDC/SolGen; Barbara Domenech, Cota

Land Acknowledgement

Sarah provided the Land Acknowledgement, recognizing the history of the Indigenous People and their contribution to the land we stand on. Members are encouraged to share the Land Acknowledgement. Please email Domenica if you can provide it before the next meeting.

Welcome and Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves by providing an in-depth introduction to the work they do. Sarah acknowledged the importance of knowing what we do and being in one space; sharing issues is helpful and brings us together.

Review/Approval Minutes of November 30, 2023

It was deferred to the next meeting.

Action Items follow-up

- Susan, Sarah, Tazio, and Domenica met to categorize the mega meeting identified needs and gaps to help develop an action plan for the HSJCC.
- Domenica sent the meeting invite
- Domenica circulated the mental health crisis support rooted in community and human rights resources.
- Reviewed and completed

Presentation: Youth Justice Research Project with Danielle Bendo
PowerPoint slides will be circulated

- Exploring the lived experience of justice-involved youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD)
- Limited research about the experiences of justice-involved youth with IDD
- Defining Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
 - Criteria for intellectual disability (<https://www.aaid.org/>)
 - Developmental disability may not have accompanying intellectual disability
 - Severity along a continuum that can impact adaptive functioning - conceptual, social and practical

distinct from mental illness; however, some overlapping challenges

- Seeking 14-20 year old participants (with or without disabilities) who have been/who are involved in the youth justice system

Interviews will take place online via Zoom (30-60 mins)

Youth will receive a \$50 e-gift card of their choice or a \$50 e-transfer for their participation in an interview

Themes discussed: The project is not based on a region. Will recruitment address racialized, Black and Indigenous experiences? Yes.

The recruitment flyer will be circulated to the Toronto HSJCC members.

Daniella and Voula were thanked for an informative and insightful presentation.

Updates from the Toronto Local HSJCCs

Tammy reported on the NY-HSJCC. Based on the members' meeting length and time poll results, the meeting time and the length are back to pre-COVID of one hour and a half.

- There was a presentation at the January meeting with Brandy Tanenbaum, Sunnybrook Hospital, and the Brave Program. The program promotes positive alternatives to violence to reduce retaliation, criminal involvement and re-injury among youth injured by violence.
- Discussion ensued about having a Lunch and Learn on the BRAVE program, given the scope and catchment area.
- Victoria Younge was elected as the Co-chair with Tammy. The committee still has a vacant position for the justice sector.

The members agreed to continue with virtual meetings.

Debbie reported on the West Toronto HSJCC. Their meeting time and length are back to pre-COVID, which is one and a half hours. They had a presentation on the YMCA YSAP – Youth Substances Use program with Joey Violante. There will be a follow-up Lunch and Learn on February 8 more information to follow.

Sarah reported on the Downtown Toronto HSJCC. There was a presentation on the YMCA YSAP – Supporting Youth who use substances with Stephanie Ruston. Committee members agreed to develop a centralized membership list for relationship building across members to foster collaboration across the Downtown Toronto Local HSJCC.

- Conduct a hybrid annual committee meeting and continue with virtual meetings.

The Scarborough HSJCC report was deferred to the next meeting.

Update from Toronto Regional Anti-Racism Ad Hoc Group

Domenica reported on the Anti-Racism Committee's work. The group agreed to have a follow-up series. The series has five parts. Each Local HSJCC will lead one session.

The order is:

1. Foundational 101 - October 26 (Lead by T-HSJCC) - **Completed**
2. Whiteness and White Supremacy - November 23 (Lead by NY-HSJCC) **Completed**
3. Anti-Indigenous Racism - TBD (January 25, 2024) (Lead by S-HSJCC)
4. W2B – February 28, 2024 (Lead by DT-HSJCC)
5. Organizational/Operational Change - March 2024 (Lead by WT-HSJCC)

Review Workplan for 2023-2024

- What have we accomplished, and what future areas should we consider?
- Who needs to be added to the table?
- Virtual/Hybrid meetings and Lunch and Learn format for 2024-25?
- Anti-Racism Ad Hoc Group?
- Toronto Local HSJCC Mega Meeting?
- Mega Meeting Working Groups?

The workplan 2023-24 was circulated before the meeting. The objectives were reviewed, and everyone agreed to maintain them.

-Discussion ensued on the mega meeting three working groups to address the identified needs and gaps regarding the changes in the criminal justice system, such as the recent opening of the Toronto Regional Bail Centre and Ontario Court of Justice – Toronto. The three main areas for the working groups to address separately are 1) Release, Transportation and Belongings; 2) Accessibility, Inclusion and Diversity; and 3) Communication.

It was agreed to conduct a recruitment survey for the three working groups using the three categories for all Toronto Regional and Local HSJCC members. However, concerns were expressed about whether there is capacity among the members to join the working groups.

-It was agreed to have an annual hybrid Local HSJCCs mega meeting and address the technology clichés by having a plan B. The primary barrier is access to Wi-Fi in the boardroom as a community agency. Any suggestions? If so, please reach out to Domenica.

-Committee members agreed to have virtual Toronto Regional meetings

Current Issues:

TRBC and OCJT

Deferred to the next meeting.

Justice Centres

Members would like to have an update on the Justice Centres. Scott McKean will present at our next meeting.

Sarah provided an update on the Reintegration Planning Tables at the TSDC. She said that they completed phase 1 and are moving towards phase 2. Individual situations are being addressed at the table. Committee members suggested that an updated presentation on the Reintegration Planning Tables at the TSDC and TEDC be given at a meeting.

Update from the P-HSJCC:

- November meeting highlights were circulated. The committee met on January 16, 2024.

Discussion regarding intentional values

The committee agreed that our intentional equity perspective was practiced at this meeting. Are we rooting this from the lens of our anti-racism commitments regarding Indigenous, Black and Racialized populations? It is essential to note people's struggles and reflect on our intentions.

Action Items Follow-up:

- Domenica will send the invitation to the committee members for the next meeting.
- Domenica will circulate the Lunch and Learn registration flyer for the February 8 and 28 sessions.
- Scott McKean to update the committee on the Justice Centres at the March meeting.
- Domenica will create and send out a recruitment survey for the three working groups to help create an action plan for the committees.

The next meeting will occur virtually on Thursday, March 21, 2024, from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. Scott McKean will give a presentation on the justice centres.