



**West Toronto Human Services and Justice  
Coordinating Committee (WT-HSJCC)**

**Meeting Minutes**

**January 9, 2018**

**1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

**Metro West Courthouse, 2201 Finch Avenue West, Courtroom 205**

**Present:** Debbie Lynch (Co-chair), CTYS; Elana Glass, Duty Counsel; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Saleha Saleem, T.A. Patterson & Associates; Amber Kellen (Co-chair), John Howard Society of Toronto; Imtiaz Moursalien, Toronto Bail Program; Daniel O'Driscoll, Community Head Injury Resource Services

**Regrets:** Nicole Giles, CMHA; Kelli Wilson, Youth Court Action Planning Program; Mary Ross-Hendriks, Judiciary; Patricia Pagnani (Co-chair), Toronto Bail Program

**Welcome and Introductions**

Everyone introduced themselves.

**Review of November 9, 2017 minutes**

The minutes were approved.

**Review Action Items:**

They were completed.

**Presentation:** Toronto Bail Program- Imtiaz Moursalien – Enhanced Community Coordinator

- Presentation slides will be circulated with minutes
- Toronto Bail Program does not provide a monetary surety. Only for clients who do not have sureties.
- Individuals are released on their own recognizance with conditions to report as directed to the Bail Program.
- Violation of release conditions results in enforcement procedures and a Failure to Comply charge being laid.
- Discussed how these objectives are achieved: Interviewing, verifying, presenting information to the court, supervision, record keeping, liaising
- Referral Process – Accepted from private lawyers or duty counsel prior to an accused person's show cause hearing at Provincial court. In custody one can ask for a referral form.

- Criteria for regular stream – supervision will not be offered to those who have been convicted over the last three years or – fail to appear in court, fail to comply with court order, unlawfully at large, parole violation
- Criteria for enhanced supervision – have been unsuccessful under Bail Program in the past two years, who have a combination of three or more fail to appear, fail to comply, unlawfully at large, escape or parole violations in the past three years
- Enhanced worker goes out in the community, there is collaboration with other organizations
- Reserved only for clients who would NOT normally qualify for Bail Program due to history of noncompliance attributed to major “Mental Health” concerns
- Data as of July 2017 was shared. Regular clients 1508, Enhanced clients 136 (9% of Bail Program Clients). The program has been successful and helpful based on feedback. Success stories were shared.
- Themes discussed: You can’t switch from surety to Bail Program unless the Crown consent to the Bail Program.
- Imtiaz Moursalien was thanked for this informative presentation.

### **Lunch and Learns:**

Domenica Dileo reported on the following Lunch and Learns

- Domenica Dileo is working on the next Lunch and Learn. Trying to book a courthouse that would accommodate our interactive space needs to enhance learning. It was agreed to have the next Lunch and Learn on Cannabis during the month of March not February. Domenica will follow up with speaker’s availability and logistics. The suggested speaker is April Trewhitt, Addictions Coordinator at the Canadian Mental Health Association
- Discussion ensued about Lunch and Learn space challenges and ensuring that there is no scheduling conflict with courthouse staff.

### **2018-2019 workplan and budget:**

Reviewed the 2017-2018 workplan which was circulated prior to the meeting. What have we accomplished? What have we learned? What do we want to change as we move forward? It was acknowledge that we achieved our objectives. Lunch and Learns are successful. Continue to welcome new members. No new changes were identified. There was support to continue with the regular 5 meetings and three lunch and Learns. Continue with the TTC and food voucher support for the courthouse. It was agreed to separate the Reintegration Centre TTC tokens and food voucher budget from the courthouse budget.

No changes to the budget were suggested. Domenica Dileo will circulate the 2018-2019 workplan to includes the feedback and circulate to members for final input and will be approved at the next meeting in March.

### **Agency/Organization Updates**

- Debbie Lynch reported that the CTYS family worker program is going well. Supporting families to address conflicts.
- Video bail project update. - A mock video bail took place on November 29<sup>th</sup> but did not go well. The project has not started at the courthouse yet. However, The Bail Program has a staff at the Reintegration Centre to help with video bail. Her name is Carol Walker.
  
- It was agreed to add video bail updates as an ongoing agenda item.

### **Service Coordination Issues/Service Resolution**

No update

### **Updates from the T-HSJCC and Provincial HSJCC**

- Domenica Dileo reported that the next T-HSJCC meeting is on February 12, 2018

### **Action Items**

- Domenica Dileo will oversee logistics for the March 2018 Lunch and Learn on Cannabis.
- Video bail updates will be added as an ongoing agenda item.

**Presenter for next meeting:** Domenica Dileo to invite the Aboriginal Court worker to the next meeting.

### **Next Meeting**

- Tuesday March 6, 2018 at 2201 Metro West Courthouse, 2201 Finch Avenue West, in Courtroom TBD from 1-2:30.