



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

Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2016

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

Metro West Courthouse, 2201 Finch Avenue West, Boardroom

Present: Patricia Pagnani (Co-chair), Toronto Bail Program; Amber Kellen (Co-chair), John Howard Society of Toronto; Elana Glass, Duty Counsel; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Mary Jane Ellis, CMHA; Tanya Pettenuzzo, Toronto Bail Program; Greg McInnes, Salvation Army

Call-In: Andrea Monteiro, Toronto South Detention Centre

Regrets: Mary Ross-Hendriks, Judiciary; Leann Gallant, CMHA; Debbie Lynch (Co-chair), CTYS; Nicole Giles, CMHA; Laval Binns, MCSCS; Doris Galas, Humber River Hospital; Linda Shelly, MCSCS; Bobby Klstow, Court Services

Welcome and Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves.

Review of November 23, 2015 minutes

The minutes were approved.

Presentation: Greg McInnes – Salvation Army

Greg McInnes showed a video on the Salvation Army. It can be viewed on their webpage at www.salvationarmyjustice.ca. He discussed the Correctional & Justice Services programs. An electronic copy will be circulated with the minutes. Believe that justice should be restorative. It outlines the various justice programs that the Salvation Army runs. This includes: anger management, case management, youth and adult houses, health service, which includes residential treatment, senior palliative care homes, Booth Packaging – day program, homeless shelters, street outreach worker, community and family services, which provides daycare programs for ESL classes for newcomers. Camp for 6 to 18 year olds, Thrift Store, and Emergency Disaster Services.

Eligibility for the Harbour Light has changed. In-person intake.

Chaplaincy services at the Metro West have been shortened; no longer have a staff for five days per week. How do we address the transportation needs when staff is not available for five days? Current Salvation Army staff is sharing the workload at the immigration holding centre – at the centre on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. They are facing funds restrictions.

Salvation Army transportation fund criteria is for people who are released from custody. Can access travel warrants that are honoured by the TTC, Go bus and Greyhound. The warrant needs to be pre-filled and ensure the destination details. Otherwise, it will be an open travel warrant. Speak to the Salvation Army staff about this.

It was suggested for the Salvation Army staff, put a sign on the door with work hours at the courthouse.

It was discussed whether clothes can be keep in other office i.e. Duty Counsel to address access issues. Storage space at the courthouse has been taken for cleaner's supplies. Greg McInnes will look in to the space situation.

Discussion ensued about people released from jail but who are not returning to the address on paper and need to go elsewhere. Can they access transportation funds? Greg McInnes will speak with the staff at the Toronto South Detention Centre to find a solution.

It was suggested the transportation need for out-of-town people be directed to the T-HSJCC. Can they address the need? How will the Presto cards effect TTC tokens distribution?

He discussed the Positive Lifestyle Program. Flyer will be distributed with the minutes. Many referrals from Direct Accountability office. The program provides an opportunity to connect with someone. It can be one-on-one or in a group setting. The program is used at the Oshawa drug treatment program at the courthouse. It can be a first step to help people make positive changes. It's not faith based. Old City Hall and North York are running the program.

Currently, Old City Hall has full staff of 40 hrs. per week. Other courthouses are at 25-30 hrs. The goal is to get full capacity at all the courthouses.

Greg McInnes was thanked for the informative presentation

Munch and Learns

The next Munch and Learn will take place on March 10th. The topic is Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Symptoms and Interventions Strategies with Dr. Carolyn Lemsky. Many people have RSVP'd. It was acknowledged that changing the time from a Munch to a Lunch and Learn is accommodating work schedules. We will have the Lunch and Learn in the room next to the Boardroom to accommodate more people.

Terms of Reference

The revised Terms of Reference was approved with the addition of the definition of non-core membership and 'attempt' to the goals and objectives.

Domenica Dileo was thanked for revising the Terms of Reference. Honorarium will be requested for people with lived experience totaling \$480.

WT-HSJCC 2016-2017 Workplan (Draft)

- Was circulated prior to the meeting.
- The 2016-2017 workplan draft was approved. Its based on transparency and reflects the direction of the PHSJCC. It was agreed to have three Lunch and Learns per year – same budget as last year of \$940.
- There was discussion about the budget regarding TTC tokens and food vouchers.
- Last year the amount was divided between the courthouse and the Reintegration Centre. Given that the courthouse has a large amount carried over for the 2016-2017 fiscal year, it was agreed that the TTC tokens budget and food vouchers will be allocated fully this year to the Reintegration Centre --total of \$1000.
- The budget request will be added to the workplan. The proposed budget will be submitted to the THSJCC for approval.

Agency/Organization Updates

- Andrea Monteiro reported on the TSDC. Currently have 900 inmates. Does not foresee full capacity in the next few months because the building is still under construction. The Toronto Intermittent Centre is almost at full capacity.
- Averted a strike but are still dealing with labour relations.
- No start date for the Video Bail Court
- Andrea Monteiro will be going on parental leave next Friday and Scott Large will be replacing her.
- Amber Kellen provided an update on the Reintegration Centre. They served 300 people and are receiving continued referrals.
- Are open on Monday and Friday until 9:00 p.m.
- Are working on the signage to be seen at night.
- The provincial government has a committee to help with people being released. They are meeting with the Ministry of Corrections and Housing to discuss the needs of people being released from jail
- They are in their second year of a three-year funding program. They are concerned about paying the rent. Looking at other alternative options because they don't know how to sustain the rent. As capacity is growing they will attract partners. They need two staff at all times due to security plan. 60% of referral is from the TSDC staff mainly the social worker.
- Starting a conversation with East Detention Centre to send peers at the Reintegration Centre.

Service Coordination Issues/Service Resolution

Deferred to next meeting

Updates from the T-HSJCC and Provincial HSJCC

Domenica Dileo reported that the Scarborough, West Toronto, North York and Downtown Toronto HSJCCs priorities were reported to the T-HSJCC. The West Toronto was in alignment with the other Toronto Local HSJCCs priorities. The T-HSJCC priorities submitted to the P-HSJCC are:

1. To scale up and support the Toronto Service Resolution Project for people with complex needs such as high security issues.
2. Through educational social engagement events such as Lunch and Learns and the HSJCC conference we build cross-sectoral collaboration, network and sustain the HSJCC capacity.
3. To scale up system level issues as they relate to the social determinants of health; poor housing status, poverty, isolation, family breakdown, etc.

Presenter for next meeting.

Amber Kellen will connect with the peer support staff.

Actions

- Amber Kellen to find out whether peer support staff can present at next meeting

Next Meeting

- March 22, 2016 at 2201 Metro West Courthouse, 2201 Finch Avenue West, Boardroom (between courtroom 202 and 203) from 1p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Domenica Dileo will add the cell numbers for Elena Glass and Patricia Pagnani to the meeting reminder to let people know who to call if they need to get into the meeting.