



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

**Meeting Minutes**

**March 22, 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; Elana Glass, Duty Counsel; Mary Ross-Hendriks, Judiciary; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Leann Gallant, CMHA; Karen Poole, Reconnect; Kelli Wilson, Youth Court Action Planning Program; Ansley Lamond, Youth Court Action Planning Program; Mike Burgess, Toronto Police Service; Scott Lange, (replacing Andrea Monteiro who is on parental leave) Toronto South Detention Centre

**Regrets:** Amber Kellen (Co-chair), John Howard Society of Toronto; Debbie Lynch (Co-chair), CTYS; Nicole Giles, CMHA

**Welcome and Introductions**

Everyone introduced themselves.

**Review of February 9, 2016 minutes**

The minutes were approved.

**Presentation:** Kelli Wilson – Youth Court Action Planning Program (YCAPP)

- She works for Springboard Services.
- The client population is high risk youth who are supported through the court process. YCAPP clients are referred to numerous community agencies for counselling to address their needs.
- Client plans can be re-evaluated when circumstances change.
- Connect clients to resources. Clients participate voluntarily.
- Funded by MCYS
- Work on pre-resolution i.e. youth who need volunteer hours. Will provide support.
- Youth's main concern is safety. The organization assists with finding safe places. Most youth come from communities that lack resources, which adds to the challenges.
- Anyone can refer including the youth themselves, parents, and defense counsel

- Provide TTC tokens and food vouchers.
- Open from 9-5 p.m. at the courthouse.
- The program's goal is to have no youth on a waitlist for some form of counselling.

### **Lunch and Learns**

The Lunch and Learn that took place on March 10<sup>th</sup> was very successful. Thirty-four people participated. Feedback was excellent and attendees would like a continuation of the topic. The topic was Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Symptoms and Interventions Strategies with Dr. Carolyn Lemsky. It was acknowledged that changing the time from a Munch to a Lunch and Learn is accommodating work schedules.

It was agreed to have a Part 2 ABI Lunch and Learn. Dr. Lemsky would like input from people at the courthouse to develop the context and curriculum for Part 2. Patricia Pagnani, Elana Glass and Leann Gallant agreed to provide content information.

Domenica Dileo will inform Dr. Lemsky.

### **Agency/Organization Updates**

Scott Lange reported on the TSDC. Brad Tamcsu is back at the TSDC.

- They are working on engagement. Have 20 new Correctional Officers. Twenty-six more are getting trained. Negotiated a new schedule.
- Video Bail might be available in 2-3 weeks.
- The logistics at the courthouse have not been ironed out for the video bail.
- Discussion took place about visitations at the TSDC. The offenders are informed that they can have people on the visitation list not including counsel.
- The committee would like to know the process if the offender does not have the address, phone of the visitor, what are the options.
- Scott Lange will bring more information to the committee regarding pre-trial and pre-bail visitation process and requirement.
- Concerns were raised about the expectations of the inmate availability to contact surety when they might not have all the contact information with them.
- Currently have 887 inmates.

Patricia Pagnani reported on the Bail Program. Jessica Reinhart is replacing Tanya Pettenuzzo in the Youth Bail Program office

Mary Ross-Hendriks will be attending the Justice Service Collaborative meeting taking place on April 6<sup>th</sup>. She will report to the committee at the next meeting.

Mike Burgess will send Officers at Division 22 a reminder to not wrap the inmate's cell phone. Mike Burgess reported that the Toronto Police is providing awareness on overdose. Current drug that people are overdosing is fentanyl. Information is available on the Toronto Police Service website.

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

Deferred to next meeting

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

Domenica Dileo reported that the T-HSJCC met on March 7<sup>th</sup> and the WT-HSJC workplan and budget was approved and will be submitted to the P-HSJCC.

### **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
- Domenica Dileo to contact Dr. Lemsky and provide the names of people who will provide content for the second part of the ABI Lunch and Learn.
- Domenica Dileo to follow-up on the logistics of the next Lunch and Learn.

### **Next Meeting**

- May 10th, 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 room.