



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

Meeting Minutes

September 25, 2018

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

Metro West Courthouse, 2201 Finch Avenue West, Courtroom 212

Present: Debbie Lynch (Co-chair), CTYS; Elana Glass, Duty Counsel; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Saleha Saleem, T.A. Patterson & Associates; Fatima Senra, LAO; Daniel O’Driscoll, CHIRS; Nicole Giles, CMHA; Kristin Sim-melo, CMHA; Ainsley Lamond, Youth Court Action Planning program; Lul Omar, Griffin Centre; Jessica Reinhart, Toronto Bail Program

Regrets: Patricia Pagnani (Co-chair), Toronto Bail Program; Amber Kellen (Co-chair), John Howard Society of Toronto; Mary Ross-Hendriks, Judiciary

Welcome and Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves.

The meeting was Co-chaired by Elana Glass and Debbie Lynch.

Review of May 8, 2018 minutes

The minutes of the May 8, 2018 meeting were approved.

Review Action Items:

Action items were reviewed and completed.

Presentation: Tammy Tinney, MSW, Mental Health and Justice Treatment and Support Services, North York General Hospital – Branson Site

- Presentation slide decks will be circulated.
- MHJTSS is a shorter-term outpatient Mental Health program located at the NYGH Branson site.
- Specialize in providing clinical support for individuals who have been charged and/or convicted of a criminal offence, and who also need MH/psychiatric assessments
- Discussed program objectives
- Have Social Worker, Occupational Therapist and Psychiatrists part of the team
- Must complete a referral form
- OHIP require
- MH concerns from service users and current involvement in the criminal justice system
- Exclusion criteria – service user who has a development delay, no OHIP
- Provide biopsychosocial assessments by SW/occupational therapist

- Anger Management & Assessment Skills Building Group – 8 weeks, max. 20 people per group. Service users receive a certificate at the end of the group.
- Three months waitlist to see a psychiatrist
- 1-2 month for family doctor
- Can fax referral to Tammy Tinney. Contact information: Fax: 416-632-8718 Tel. 416-633-9420 ext.6385
- Services provide for six months
- Psychiatrist will provide report for the courts

Lunch and Learns:

- Domenica Dileo reported that Julia Chao from WoodGreen Centre and Vivian Ropchan, Defence Counsel are available for a presentation on the Psychosocial and Legal Perspectives on Dementia October 25th. More information to follow.
- The committee reviewed the topics for the following Lunch and Learns. It was agreed to have the next session on Housing and the New Courthouse.
- Housing Lunch and Learn to address- factors leading to people losing their housing, what kind of sentence will lead to losing housing? Impact of expectation put on people that don't have housing? Housing eviction and safe beds? Nicole Gilles agreed to coordinate a housing panel for the next Lunch and Learn.

Agency/Organization Updates

- Currently there is no video bail at the courthouse
- It was agreed to add video bail updates as an ongoing agenda item.
- Legal Aid counsel Amanda G. has a new position coordinating a report on the Gladue. It would be beneficial to have a Lunch and Learn session on her findings.

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 October 31, 2018. Main agenda item is the Service Resolution Project. More information to follow.

Action Items

- Domenica Dileo will oversee logistics for the next Lunch and Learn on Dementia.
- Video bail updates will be added as an ongoing agenda item.
- Domenica Dileo will contact Scott Skinner, to find out if he can present at the next WT-HSJCC meeting.

Presenter for next meeting: Scott Skinner - Dual Diagnosis and Justice Case Manager, Community Network of Specialized Care – Toronto Region

Next Meeting - Tuesday, November 6 , 2018 Metro West Courthouse, 2201 Finch Avenue West, in Courtroom 207 from 1-2:30.