



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

**Meeting Minutes**

**May 7, 2019**

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

**Metro West Courthouse, 2201 Finch Avenue West, Courtroom 207**

**Present:** Patricia Pagnani (Co-chair), Toronto Bail Program; Amber Kellen (Co-chair), John Howard Society of Toronto; Debbie Lynch (Co-chair), CTYS; Elana Glass, Duty Counsel; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Kelli Wilson, Springboard-YCAPP; Fatima Senra, LAO; Mary Jane Ellis, CMHA; Nicole Giles, CMHA; Edward J. Kelly, Judiciary; Diane Kaise, Toronto Bail Program; Laurie Snowden, Victim Witness Assistance Program( VWAP); Lul Omar, Youth Mental Health – Griffin Centre; Amber Kellen, JHS Toronto

**Regrets:** Daniel O’Driscoll, Community Head Injury Resource Services; Mary Ross-Hendriks, Judiciary; Scott Skinner, Surrey Place

**Welcome and Introductions**

Everyone introduced themselves.

**Review of March 5, 2019 minutes**

The minutes of the March 5, 2019 meeting were approved.

**Review Action Items:**

Action items were reviewed and completed.

**Presentation:**

Robyn Keystone from Literal Change

- Literal Change was approached by the Crown Attorney’s Office to provide remedial literacy support for young people who came into contact with the law.
- Provide remedial literacy at the Toronto South Detention Centre and Toronto East Detention Centre. Using one-on-one approach. They have 20 volunteers frequenting the facilities on a regular basis.
- In September 2018 they launched a youth literacy program at Jane and Finch
- Piloted project showed the need and effectiveness of the program
- Literacy program has been part of diversion for youth by removing charges
- Methodology – individualized, multi-sensory approach

- Literacy program can help with educational outcomes and incarceration
- Use Orton Gillingham approach to literacy
- How are people identified- self identified at TSDC can put a request through CO. Diversion program with the courts requires 20 sessions.
- Video of their work with students was viewed
- Plan to expand in 2020
- Themes discussed: Can the program be built through probation?
- More information contact – [erin@literalchange.com](mailto:erin@literalchange.com)

Robyn was thanked for her informative and interactive presentation

### **Lunch and Learns:**

Patricia Pagnani reported on the March 28, 2019 Lunch and Learn on Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorder: Diagnosis Traits, Associated Features, and Behavioral with Layla Hall, Psychometrist, Surrey Place

100% of participants rated the session above average, total participants 26.

It was suggested that we order pizza for the next Lunch and Learn.

Next Lunch and Learn scheduled for June 13, 2019 on Domestic Violence Charges and Programs in Ontario With Sarah James, Rhea Harry and Nicole McEachran from John Howard Society of Toronto.

At the end of the presentation, participants will:

- Have an increased awareness of programs serving individuals accused with Domestic Violence charges.
- Have an increased knowledge and awareness of intervention/prevention strategies for individuals with Domestic Violence charges.

Members Evaluation:

**Response Rate:** 70% of regular members completed the evaluation. 7 out of 10 completed the evaluation from a total of 41.

Lunch and Learn suggested topics:

- Safe beds
- Any agencies that provide addictions support in the West end
- FASD
- Sex Trade workers, how to identify those at risk and ways to help all MH disorders, treatment, services, learning disabilities, and for all of the above, communication strategies

### **Agency/Organization Updates**

Mary Jane Ellis reported that the courthouse is addressing the need of storage space for clothing donations. She and Justice Ted Edwards are looking into storage space and will update the committee. This will help when the courthouse becomes the place that people are first released from and need cloths.

### **Service Coordination Issues/Service Resolutio**

No update

Discussion ensued about having the Service Resolution Toronto Justice Coordinator present at the next meeting because it would be beneficial to learn more about the project.

### **Update on Video Bail**

Patricia Pagnani reported that there will be a mock video bail at Metro West courthouse tomorrow. They are aiming to start anytime. Update will be provided at the September meeting.

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

- Provincial conference is taking place November 4-6<sup>th</sup>, 2019: Colouring Outside the Lines, more information to follow. Bursaries will be provided. More information will follow.

### **Action Items**

- Domenica Dileo will oversee logistics for the next Lunch and Learn on autism.
- Video bail updates will be added as an ongoing agenda item.
- Domenica Dileo will contact Rhona Zitney, Service Resolution Toronto /Justice Coordinator to find out if she can present at the next WT-HSJCC meeting.

**Presenter for next meeting:** TBD

### **Next Meeting**

- Tuesday, September 9, 2019 Metro West Courthouse, 2201 Finch Avenue West, in Courtroom 2:07 from 1-2:30.