



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

Meeting Minutes

September 10, 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; Fatima Senra, LAO; Mary Jane Ellis, CMHA; Diane Kaise, Toronto Bail Program; Laurie Snowden, Victim Witness Assistance Program(VWAP); Lul Omar, Youth Mental Health – Griffin Centre; Chelsea Davis, Youth Court Action Planning Program; Mary Ross-Hendriks, Judiciary; Jessica Reinhart, Toronto Bail Program; Cathy Le, Toronto Bail Program; Serena Surujbali, Youth Justice Committee Program

Regrets: Daniel O’Driscoll, Community Head Injury Resource Services; Scott Skinner, Surrey Place

Welcome and Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves.

Review of May 7, 2019 minutes

The minutes of the May 7, 2019 meeting were approved with the following amendment: correct the spelling of Justice Ted J. Kelly’s name.

Review Action Items:

Action items were reviewed and completed.

- Members evaluation summary was circulated prior to the meeting. Overall, the feedback was positive. Lunch and Learns continue to do well.
- **Medical Files Transfer Fee Survey:**
- Domenica reported that 17 members completed the survey from four locals and one regional table.
- The following question was asked: Have your patients/clients experienced payment to transfer their medical files in order to access medical care?
- From the respondents we had a large range 30- 70 clients in the last 12 months had to pay a fee to see a new family doctor for their transfer.
- Survey results will be brought to the regional table for discussion.

Presentation: NPower Canada with Issac Mbaziira.

NPower Canada launches youth (18-29) into meaningful IT/Digital careers by providing free technical and professional training, paid internships, job placement and post hire support. NPower Canada currently offers two different training streams in three locations across the GTA (downtown Toronto, York Region and Peel Region) and in Calgary, Alberta. They work with the mental health and addictions communities.

The program is free and runs for 15-weeks.

Eligibility: Participants must be finished high school, demonstrate financial needs, may have criminal records, mental health and or addiction issues, are legally able to work in Canada, have strong English language proficiency, are unemployed/underemployed, are motivated to find work.

The customer services digital program is only offered in Toronto.

These programs are funded by industry, mainly RBC and United Way. NPower is a non-profit organization.

Graduates' certificates are accepted worldwide.

85% of participants have work after graduation.

Offer support for 5 years after getting a job.

Issac circulated his business card. Tel no. 647-689-5850 ext. 111 email:

Isaac.Mbaziira@npowercanada.ca

Issac was thanked for his informative and interactive presentation

Lunch and Learns:

The committee agreed to have the next Lunch and Learn on a presentation by E Fry on their Sex Trafficking Program. This will be beneficial as more females are going through the Metro West courthouse. Domenica will follow up on the logistics.

Lunch and Learn suggested future topics:

- ~~Agency~~ Agencies that provide addictions support in the West end
- Elderly abuse
- Crystal Methamphetamine and Cannabis update
- Working with people who have mental health or learning disabilities and information about treatment, services, and communication strategies for all groups.

It was agreed to invite the following groups to future meetings to present on their agency/programs: Across Boundaries, Rexdale Women's Centre and Jean Tweed. Domenica will follow-up.

Agency/Organization Updates

Amber reported that the Bradley Chapman inquest recommendations are well received.

John Howard Society of Toronto has a new location at 3313 Lakeshore Blvd West. This is the permanent location for the Home for Good Program. Above the site, there are six units of supportive housing, and another 20 units at other sites, including several

bachelor/self-contained spaces. The eligibility requirements for the program will be circulated. There are 30 rent subsidies available to clients in the program. More family members are using their services. A trailer of 17 feet was purchased (the Reintegration Centre Trailer) to provide a location when the former Reintegration Centre closed (in December 2018), and is located in the parking lot of the Toronto South Detention Centre. They are seeing over 100 clients per month, including more women. The new location has seen an incredible increase in the number of clients being served each month and accessing overdose prevention, harm reduction and other supports. John Howard Society of Toronto is now unionized. An electronic version of the JHS Lakeshore programs and the Reintegration Services Trailer will be circulated.

Service Coordination Issues/Service Resolution

No update

Update on Video Bail

Patricia Pagnani reported that the mock video bail at Metro West courthouse went better than the previous time. Many of the technical problems at TSDC have been addressed.

Updates from the T-HSJCC and Provincial HSJCC

- Provincial conference is taking place November 4-6th, 2019: Colouring Outside the Lines, More information to follow. Conference subsidies are still available.

Action Items

- Domenica will oversee logistics for the next Lunch and Learn on Sex Trafficking with E Fry.
- Video bail updates will be added as an ongoing agenda item.
- Domenica will contact Jean Tweed, Rexdale Women's Centre and Across Boundaries to find out whether or not they can present at a future committee meeting.

Presenter for next meeting: Tentatively on the Justice Centres

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, November 12th 2019 Metro West Courthouse, 2201 Finch Avenue West, in Courtroom 207 from 1-2:30 pm.