



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

**Meeting Minutes**

**November 12, 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; 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 September 10, 2019 minutes**

The minutes of the September 10, 2019 meeting were approved.

**Review Action Items:**

Action items were reviewed and completed.

**Presentation:** Deferred to next meeting.

**Terms of Reference:**

The committee agreed to acknowledge in the Terms of Reference that people with lived experience will receive an honorarium for their participation on the WT-HSJCC committee.

**Lunch and Learns:**

Domenica reported that the November 7<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth Fry Lunch and Learn on Sex Trafficking Program had 24 attendees. Feedback was positive. Elizabeth Fry was welcomed to join the committee.

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:**

- A discussion about the legal aid changes occurred. Concerns were raised that clients are falling through the cracks and more people are pleading guilty. It was agreed to conduct a survey. Domenica will follow up and Fatima will provide support to develop the survey.
- TTC tokens will continue to be used in the new year.

**Service Coordination Issues/Service Resolution**

No update

**Update on Video Bail**

Patricia Pagnani reported that the Video Bail at Metro West courthouse will likely commence at some point in the new year.

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

Patricia Pagnani reported that the Toronto Regional met on October 16<sup>th</sup>. There was discussion on the Service Resolution Project. She provided the context of the Service Resolution process. Newberry consultants were hired and recommendations were made. There is a Complex Care Sub Committee that reports to the Toronto Regional HSJCC. Rhona Zitney was hired as the Service Resolution Justice Coordinator, What is the best way to serve complex clients in the justice system? Role /lead of the DT-HSJCC?

Domenica reported on the Provincial conference that took place on November 4-6<sup>th</sup>, 2019. 451 people attended the conference. Participants indicated that they would like to know more about collaboration. Concerns were raised regarding limited diversity with conference presenters.

**Action Items**

- Domenica will oversee logistics for the next Lunch and Learn on FASD scheduled for December 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 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.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday January 7, 2020 Metro West Courthouse, 2201 Finch Avenue West, in Courtroom 207 from 1-2:30 pm.

**Presenter for next meeting:** TBD

