



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

**Meeting Minutes**

**March 3, 2020**

**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; Debbie Lynch (Co-chair), CTYS; Elana Glass, Duty Counsel; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Fatima Senra, LAO; Mary Jane Ellis, CMHA; Chelsea Davis, Operation Springboard; Julia Bloomenfeld, Jean Tweed Centre, Mary Ross-Hendricks, Judiciary; Jessica Reinhart, Toronto Bail Program; Joanne Prince, Defence Counsel; Lul Omar, Youth Mental Health

**Regrets:** Daniel O’Driscoll, Community Head Injury Resource Services; Scott Skinner, Surrey Place; Amber Kellen (Co-chair), John Howard Society of Toronto; Serena Surujbali, Youth Justice Committee Program

**Welcome and Introductions**

Everyone introduced themselves.

**Review of November 12, 2019 minutes**

The minutes of the January 7, 2020 meeting were approved.

**Review Action Items:**

Action items were reviewed and completed.

**Presentation:** Julia Bloomenfeld from the Jean Tweed Centre.

Presentation slide decks will be circulated.

A women-centred lens to look at needs related to substance use, gambling and mental health concerns.

Justice focused Program - **Released From Custody** (RFC) engage detained women in pre-release case management. On site support at Vanier Centre for Women and Milton. Reason for success is the engagement aspect of the program.

Justice, Addiction and Mental Health Program: provides service coordination, case management, court support, linkages with relevant social services. Referrals: Self-referrals, court diversion, agencies, probation and parole offices. Intensive case management.

**Reaching Out to Women Program:** Part of the counselling stream- provides counselling support to self-identified women at risk who are connected to drop-ins,

shelters and/or involved with the criminal justice system. Referral: Self -referrals probation/parole/ and community agencies.

Have the following programs: family, continuing care, child development centre, supportive, transitional housing, trauma programs, support and stabilization programs. Work with CAS, Trans women,

Residential treatment – has a day program where one can return to place of residence at the end of the day.

Residential treatment program has a few months waitlist.

Day program has a few weeks waitlist.

Age criteria 16 and up.

For intake call – 416-255-7359 ext. 227. There is an information night every other Wednesday.

Julia was thanked for a very informative and interactive presentation. Julia expressed interest in joining the committee.

### **Lunch and Learns:**

- Next Lunch and Learn topics were discussed: Justice Centre, Sex Trafficking of East Metro Services and Opioids Overview.

### **Approval of Workplan for 2020-2021**

- The workplan was circulated prior to the meeting and approved at the meeting.
- Budget includes three Lunch and Learns, five meetings, TTC tokens (\$750) , Food Vouchers(\$750), Reintegration Centre \$1500 and Honorarium (\$480): Totaling \$2, 920 plus \$1500 = \$4420.

### **Agency/Organization Updates:**

WASH court is taking place at the 2201 Courthouse this coming Saturday. There is work being done to ensure that there will be available TTC tokens will be available on site. Discussion ensued whether the Toronto South Detention Centre provides tokens when one is released from jail?

Legal aid survey – deferred

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

No update

### **Update on Video Bail**

Deferred to next meeting

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

Next Toronto Regional meeting will take place on March 18, 2020. It was reported that there was a regional meeting on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Gilbert Sharpe advisor to Minister Tibollo attended this meeting. Items discussed - If you have two things to tell Minister Tibollo about how to improve mental health and justice services, what would they be? He reported that there will be 20 focus session throughout the province.

**Action Items**

- Domenica will oversee logistics for the next Lunch and Learn on Opioids Update.
- Video Bail updates will be added as an ongoing agenda item.
- Domenica will contact Rexdale Women’s Centre and Across Boundaries to find out whether or not they can present at a future committee meeting.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday May 5, 2020 Metro West Courthouse, 2201 Finch Avenue West, in Courtroom 207 from 1-2:30 pm.

**Presenter for next meeting:** TBD