

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

Meeting Minutes January 14, 2014 – 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Reconnect 56 Aberfoyle Crescent, 4th floor

Present: Debbie Lynch (Co-chair), CTYS; Sarah Haslip, T.A. Patterson & Associates; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC Coordinator; Laval Binns, Probation and Parole; Karen Poole, Reconnect; Lynda Lingard, Toronto Bail Program; Mike Burgess Toronto Police Service, 22, Division; Jim Lamb, Toronto Police Service, 22 Division; Leann Gallant, CMHA; Jasmin Dooh, LAMP Community Health Centre; Deborah Quiggin, LAMP Community Health Centre.

Via Teleconference: Amber Kellen, John Howard Society; Doris Galas, Humber River Regional Hospital

Regrets: Abigail Paul, John Howard Society; Mohamed Badsha, Reconnect; Elana Glass (Co-chair), Duty Counsel, Brad Gill Tamcsu, (MCSCS); Umwali Sollange (Justice Collaborative- CAMH)

Welcome and Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves.

Review of November 12, 2013 minutes

 The minutes were approved with the following amendment: Leann Gallant sent her regrets; she was not present at the meeting. Mike Burgess is from 22 Division not 12 Division.

Presentation - Jasmin Dooh and Deborah Quiggin- LAMP Community Health Centre

- LAMP Community Health Centre was started over 35 years ago by the community. People go to LAMP to get medical service and address community issues. LAMP works with many partner agencies.
- LAMP provides service from birth to seniors. It has an early years program, primary health, and youth and older youth programs.
- Primary care is at capacity and has a waitlist.
- ASK! Community Information and Referral Program, provides legal advice, assists with ID, OHIP, government form filling, affidavits, and income tax.
- A social worker drop in provides short-term counseling.

- An adult drop-in provides meals and showers
- The Outreach Harm Reduction Program provides a safe disposal site for needles.
- LAMP addresses the social determinants of health. They have a health promotion program and a literacy program.
- Among Friends is a social recreational mental health program which helps people 18 to 65 years old with mental health navigate the human services and justice system and provides referral. It has a peer leadership component and can be an entry point to the mental health system because it is recreational. It is open Monday to Friday 9-5 and is looking to expand into the weekend. The average age of participants is 54 years old. Program participants can have a formal diagnosis or may be having emotional difficulty. Reception will address your call.
- It is a challenge to continue with what we do when funding is cut.
- Committee members acknowledged the sense of safety and security LAMP provides the South Etobicoke community.

Service Coordination Issues/Service Resolution

- Leann Gallant reported that the 2201 Finch Avenue West courthouse has a psychiatrist, Dr. McMaster's . He can do fitness as well as general mental health assessments. His usual days will be Wednesdays.
- Karen Poole reported that Reconnect will expand. It has received funds from the Community Health LHIN's. Their goal is to create better collaboration through the hospital and healthcare providers in order to provide more access to services by addressing complex care. It includes a variety of healthcare providers such as nurses, psychiatrists, homecare, and general practitioners.
- Mike Burgess reported that 22 Division will review having the phone cell on the out side of the prisoner's bag of belongings.
- P-HSJCC webinar on prisoner belongings to take place January 29, 2014. Domenica Dileo will resend the information.
- Members would like a tour of the Toronto South Detention Centre (TSDC).
 Domenica Dileo will follow up.
- Doris Galas, Humber River Regional Hospital, reported that the moving date for the three sites is October 2015 when they will come together under one roof. The LHIN's are providing funds for three months to have a medical addiction nurse in emergency. If successful it will become permanent. They are currently working out the details.
- Domenica Dileo reported that the next meeting of the Justice Collaborative is January 15, 2014. Discharge planning is the selected gap. The next step is to look at intervention options. The meeting will be at 454 College St. (College and Bathurst)

Work Plan 2014-2015

• It was decided to keep the Reintegration Centre on the 2014-2015 Work Plan because there will be an impact with the TSDC opening soon. Amber Kellen will

keep the committee informed. If you have further suggestions for the Work Plan, please email Domenica Dileo. The Work Plan will be finalized at the March 2014 meeting.

Updates From the T-HSJCC and Provincial HSJCC

• The P-HSJCC conference "The Changing World from Youth to Elderly in Human Services & Justice on November 25-27, 2013 was a success with 400 people attending. The HSJCC website has the keynote speakers and most sessions at http://www.hsjcc.on.ca

Lunch and Munch

- Domenica Dileo has been researching the logistics for moving the Lunch and Munch to a webinar format. The primary benefits are increasing the audience and being more accessible, given that the webinars will be uploaded to the HSJCC website and available 24/7.
- Committee members support moving the Lunch and Munch to a webinar format.
- Doris Galas suggested we contact CMHA for suggestions on personality disorder speaker.

Actions

- Domenica Dileo will resend the information about the P-HSJCC free webinar "Stranded without Personal Belongings: Putting Offenders With Mental Health at Risk" on January 29th, 2014. That will be presented by the P-HSJCC.
- Domenica Dileo will follow up on a tour of the TSDC.
- Please send any further suggestions for the Work Plan to Domenica Dileo.

Next Meeting

March 18, 2014 at Reconnect

Presentation: Debbie Lynch, CTYS, New Outlook