



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

**Meeting Minutes
March 18, 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; Patricia Pagnani, Toronto Bail Program; Mike Burgess, Toronto Police Service, 22, Division; Jim Lambe, Toronto Police Service, 12 Division; Leann Gallant, CMHA; Amber Kellen, John Howard Society, Mary Dwyer, Toronto South Detention Centre; Danuta Rasiewicz, Metro West Detention Centre; Nicole Giles, CMHA; Robin Adamson, Bartimaeus

Via Teleconference: Doris Galas, Humber River Regional Hospital.

Regrets: Mohamed Badsha, Reconnect; Elana Glass, Duty Counsel, Brad Gill Tamcsu, (MCSCS); Umwali Sollange (Justice Collaborative- CAMH)

Welcome and Introductions

- Everyone introduced themselves.

Review of January 14, 2014 minutes

- The minutes were approved with the following amendment: Add an “e” to Jim Lambe’s last name.

WT-HSJCC Co-chairs update

- Elana Glass is not able to continue as the WT-HSJCC Co-chair because of limited staffing resources. She was acknowledged for her contribution and commitment to the WT- HSJCC.
- Patricia Pagnani and Amber Kellen expressed interested in the Co-chair position. It was agreed that they will share it with Debbie Lynch.

Presentation – Debbie Lynch, Central Toronto Youth Services (CTYS) New Outlook

- CTYS New Outlook is celebrating its 40th year of service, working with youth 12-18 years old.
- The service boundary is the Greater Toronto Area. The office is at 65 Wellesley St near Church.

- The youth justice program receives referrals from the courts. This is not a voluntary program.
- CTYS New Outlook has various programs, including anger management for males and females and the Pride and Prejudice program for youth 16-24 years old.
- The Day Program for youth 15-24 has a life skills component. Referrals usually come from hospitals. Participants have to have a mental health diagnosis. CTYS New Outlook is able to work with the client for about three years.
- There is a shelter, a school and an Early Intervention Program. Youth have to give consent for the program to work with their families.
- There is help with bail plans and CTYS New Outlook is able to help with psychiatric assessments and ODSP applications.
- Currently there is no waitlist for programs. Staff works with the court diversion workers.
- All programs are voluntary except for the Youth Justice Program.
- Referrals can be from youth themselves, court workers, bail, lawyers or parents.
- The intake form will be sent to Domenica Dileo to attach to the minutes.
- The application is available from Access 1.

Munch and Learns Update

- Elana Glass has names of two presenters referred by CAMH for a Personality Disorder Munch and Learn. No date has been set.

Agency/Organization Updates

- Mary Dwyer reported on the Toronto South Detention Centre (TSDC). 200 inmates have been transferred. They are hiring more correctional staff and have no target date for the remaining inmates to be transferred. They are trying not to take inmates with known mental health issues yet. They are working on programs with CAMH to be able to serve inmates with mental health needs. Domenica Dileo will conduct a poll to find out how many members of the WT-HSJCC are interested in attending a tour at the TSDC. There is no date scheduled yet for the closure of the West Detention Centre.
- Amber Kellen reported that there is advocacy work being done by some stakeholders within the court system to ensure that first appearances takes place in the courthouse rather than by video court. However, generally, video court will be used as frequently as possible as the new jail has been equipped for this.
- The Reintegration Centre is planning to open July 1, 2014. It received Trillium funds and is working with the academic community and other stakeholders to be able to provide an evaluation of the Centre, to measure outcomes, etc.
- There are changes to C.A.S.H and Access 1. Domenica Dileo will distribute information about this along with the WT-HSJCC minutes from the C.A.S.H. and Access 1 presentation at the DT-HSJCC meeting on March 6, 2014.
- P.C. Michael Burgess reported on the expansion of the MCIT. Divisions 23, 12 and 31 will have MCIT units. Each MCIT team has a trained police officer and a

mental health nurse. Divisions 12, 13, and 31 are partnered with Humber River Regional Hospital.

- North York General will have a MCIT unit.
- MCIT units currently work shifts that are 10 hrs. long
- Leann Gallant reported that having a psychiatrist at the 2201 Finch Avenue West Courthouse is going well.
- Karen Poole reported on the expansion of Reconnect to South Toronto. They have a community Health Links team that includes St. Joseph Hospital and provides coordinated care for clients with complex needs. The care includes extended hours and a psychiatrist. DBT is integrated in the treatment plan. The program will accept referrals internally and externally from Access 1. More information will follow.

Service Coordination Issues/Service Resolution

- No issues were identified.

Work Plan 2014-2015

- The 2014-2015 Work Plan was finalized.
- Accomplishments:
 - We now have three co-chairs.
 - In the past year, we have increased participation from the police.

Updates From the T-HSJCC and Provincial HSJCC

- There will be a Webinar on March 28, 2014 entitled *A Conversation with Deputy Chief Mike Federico*. Registration information has been sent to all locals. If interested individuals are unable to participate, the Webinar will be recorded and uploaded to the PHSJCC website.
- Domenica Dileo reported on the Justice Collaborative. A gap has been selected with a proposed intervention. The main issue is how to work closely to get access to services in a timely way. LAO and the Reintegration Centre will be key partners. The CAMH team will support implementation, evaluation and coordination. The next meeting will be on March 19, 2014 to deal with the how and what will be developed.
- The Prisoners Belonging Webinar of January 29th is now available on the HSJCC website. <http://www.hsjcc.on.ca>

Actions

- Domenica Dileo will send the intake form for CTYS New Outlook with the minutes.
- Domenica Dileo will conduct a poll to find out how many members and co-workers are interested in a tour of the TSDC.
- Domenica Dileo will distribute with the WT-HSJCC minutes the notes from the C.A.S.H. and Access 1 presentation at the DT-HSJCC meeting on March 6, 2014.

Next Meeting

May 13, 2014 at Reconnect, 56 Aberfoyle Crescent, 4th floor from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.
Presentation: Robin Adamson of Bartimaeus