



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

Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2014

2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Metro West Courthouse, 2201 Finch Avenue West, Boardroom

Present: Patricia Pagnani (Co-chair), Toronto Bail Program; Amber Kellen (Co-chair), John Howard Society of Toronto; Sarah Haslip, T.A. Patterson & Associates; Leann Gallant, CMHA; Alenka Dujmovic, Cota; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Elana Glass, Duty Counsel; Moira Hynes, Cota; Lisette Fernandez, Jean Tweed Centre;

Regrets: Debbie Lynch (Co-chair), CTYS; Umwali Sollange (Justice Collaborative-CAMH); Doris Galas, Humber River Regional Hospital; Laval Binns, Probation and Parole; Mary Dwyer, MCSCS; Bobby Kistow, MAG; Rochelle Direnfeld, MAG; Mary Ross-Hendriks, Judiciary; Frank Sirotich, CMHA; Paul French, Judiciary; Nicole Giles, CMHA

Welcome and Introductions

- Everyone introduced themselves.

Review of September 30, 2014 minutes

- The minutes were approved.

Presentation – Moira Hynes, Cota - Case Manager, Geriatric Mental Health Program

- Patricia Pagnani introduced Moira Hynes and acknowledged that the committee was interested in knowing more about geriatric services given the increasing elders population entering the justice system.
- Cota, Geriatric Mental Health program has case managers that work with frail elders who may be getting involved with the law. The Geriatric Mental Health Program works with clients who are over 65 years of age with some form of dementia and mental health issue. The Program is based on a geographic catchment. Moira Hynes works as a case manager for the North York Program. Assessments are done at the client's home. Cota educates caregivers about the client and his or her illness so they can better understand the situation. Caregivers are also trained in intervention. The program provides long term support. Initially client's get weekly visits and then move to bi-weekly visits. The program also links clients to appropriate referrals.

- The waitlist is approximately two months. However, an assessment is done within two weeks of the referral and resources and recommendations are suggested.
- The Case Manager provides links to resources and helps people to stay at home. If client is unable to stay at home and needs long term care, then client is connected to Community Care Access Centre (CCAC). CCAC can provide service while client waits for service with Cota.
- Depending on the nursing home the waitlist can be six months to 10 years.
- CCAC might do a crisis placement depending on the situation. Cota will link clients to CCAC.
- It was acknowledged that there is an increase of elders with dementia in the justice system and are facing roadblocks due to the lack of affordable and supportive housing.
- Suggested resources for elders in conflict with the law were made – Good Neighbours’ Club, CCAC, Behaviour Supports Ontario at www.BSOProject.ca
- Moira Hynes can be contacted at hynes_m@cotainspires.ca tel. 416-785-9230 Ext. 2207.
- Information on all the various programs and referral forms are available on Cota’s website www.cotainspires.ca
- Moira Hynes was thanked for her informative presentation.

Munch and Learns Update

- The Munch and Learn *Personality Disorders* 101, Symptoms, Diagnosis and Treatment was held on October 8, 2014 at the Metro West courthouse. It was a success -- 30 people attended.
- A priority topic identified by the members for the next Munch and Learn is “Addictions and Treatment Options”.
- Amber Kellen informed the committee that the City of Toronto has a Drug Treatment 101 Panel that educates people from the justice sector about drug treatments. Amber Kellen will contact Robin Cuff and find out whether they can present at a Munch and Learn. Munch and Learns to take place on a Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agency/Organization Updates

- Amber Kellen reported on the Reintegration Centre (RC). The Reintegration Centre had a soft opening on November 10, 2014. John Howard Society of Toronto (the lead-agency at the Centre) and partners have staff and furniture on site. On-site partners include: Cota, LAMPCHC, FEAT, Margaret’s Housing and Community Support Services, African Canadian Legal Clinic, Fresh Collective.
- Located at 215 Horner Avenue (across the street from the Toronto South Detention Centre).
- John Howard Society of Toronto hired three peers workers with lived experience. They will provide harm reduction education, support and community accompaniment.

- The referral process is completed.
- Inmates are encouraged to go directly from the Toronto South Detention Centre (TSDC). The goal is for everyone to know about the RC before they get released from the TSDC. If an inmate says he needs a discharge plan, they will see a rehabilitation officer. The rehabilitation officer will have information about the RC.
- Toronto West is closing this week, November 17th, 2014 and inmates are moving to TSDC and Maplehurst Correctional Complex. The TSDC capacity will stay at 800.
- The RC worked with the Justice Collaborative (JC) to develop the needs assessment tool and the JC is helping with the mapping.
- RC staff are being trained on intake. They will focus on immediate needs and provide referral. The referral agencies will do the in-depth work.
- It was reported that next month, College Park will start video bail. Discussion ensued on how to inform people to go 'across the street ' to the RC and not put it as a bail order to avoid a breach.
- John Howard Society of Toronto is working with the academic community to apply to the Ministry of Community Safety & Correctional Services to collect data to learn more about the needs of the population it serves. It was also suggested that Amber Kellen to contact the MAG office to get more information about available data.
- Amber Kellen will inform the committee when the official Open House for the Reintegration Centre will take place.
The RC will be opened form 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Service Coordination Issues/Service Resolution

- No issues identified.

Updates from the T-HSJCC and Provincial HSJCC

- Patricia Pagnani reported that there are no updates. The next T-HSJCC meeting will take place in December.
- The P-HSJCC Save the Date for the 2015 Conference will be sent out.

Actions

- Amber to contact Robin Cuff to find out whether it's possible to have a Munch and Learn on the Drug Treatment 101 Panel.
- Amber to contact Tanya Connors to invite her to the next meeting to present on the CAMH Forensic Early Intervention Services (FEIS) at the TSDC.

Next Meeting

January 13, 2015 Metro West Courthouse, 2201 Finch Avenue West, Boardroom (between courtroom 202 and 203) from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Presentation: Tanya Connors, CAMH Forensic Early Intervention Services at the TSDC

