



**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 1, 2022**  
**12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.**  
**Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting**

**Present:** Patricia Pagnani (Co-chair), Toronto Bail Program; Domenica Dileo HSJCC; Dana Lee Riley, Elizabeth Fry Society of Toronto; Genieve Chin, Toronto Bail Program; Crystal Davis, JHST; Scott Skinner, Community Network of Specialized Care Toronto Region; Danuta Rasiewicz, TSDC/SolGen; Elana Glass, Duty Counsel; Sophia Okyere-Oduro, Jean Tweed Centre; Blair Mills, Youth Justice Division- Probation Services; Serena Nudel, Toronto Neighbourhood Group; Mary Ross-Hendriks, Justice of the Peace; Catherine Wiseman-Hakes, Flora Matheson; Barry Sharp, Salvation Army; Brad Scarr, Metis Nation of Ontario; Singh Gurnoor, SolGen; Laverda Thomas, JHST

**Call-in:** None

**Regrets:** Edward J. Kelly, Judiciary; Debbie Lynch (Co-chair), CTYS; Chelsea Davis, Operation Springboard; Nicole Giles, CMHA Toronto; Joy Boatswain, Centennial College

**Land Acknowledgement**

Patricia noted the land acknowledgement recognizing the history of the Indigenous People and their contribution to the land we stand on.

**Welcome and Introductions**

Everyone introduced themselves.

**Review of January 11, 2022 minutes**

The minutes of the January 11, 2022 meeting were approved.

**Review Action Items:**

Were reviewed and completed

**Presentation:** Dr. Catherine Wiseman-Hakes and Dr. Flora Matheson on Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and the Criminal Justice System.

Presentation slides will be circulated.

Objectives:

- Introduction to TBI, understanding the prevalence of TBI in the correctional population
- TBI as a risk factor for incarceration, understanding the cognitive-communication and social communication impairments associated with TBI
- strategies you may use to support clients
- available resources.

Definition of TBI- an alteration in brain function or other evidence of brain pathology caused by an external force

Different processes were discussed; mild TBI and moderate-severe TBI.

TBI meets the World Health Organization criteria for chronic disease. Should be viewed as a chronic disease and defined as such by policy makers, health care and insurance providers.

TBI is associated with cognitive, communication, emotional and behavioural challenges that complicate management during incarceration and create barriers to successful community reintegration.

Following TBI, many individuals have problems processing emotions.

Strategies for working with clients: supporting cognitive-communication challenges were discussed.

Referral Network: John Howard Society of Toronto , Brain Injury Society of Toronto (BIST), OBIA, Toronto abi Network as well various links were also provided. See below:

[Supporting people with experiences of incarceration and traumatic brain injury: Training for front-line service providers – MAP Centre for Urban Health Solutions \(maphealth.ca\)](#)

**Themes discussed:** Misconception that people are cured from a TBI. Its a chronic disease. Flora spoke about the current research; 80% of people with TBI are dealing with addictions and 60% have mental health struggles. To look at conditions of release and understanding TBI. The role of education is important for providing solutions to TBI. What is the quick way to get diagnosed? The Inner City Health Team has offered to assist with diagnosis. ABI network has a navigator who can provide support. It was noted that it is beneficial to assume that all clients have TBI given the high percentage that do in the context of the justice system. The main issues is that there is a long wait list for many services.

Catherine and Flora were thanked for the informative and insightful presentation. Members expressed interest to have a Lunch and Learn on this topic.

### **Lunch and Learns**

Domenica reported on the upcoming Lunch and Learns.

- There will be a Lunch and Learn on the CAMH Gender Identity Clinic on March 8<sup>th</sup>.
- The New Toronto Courthouse and Toronto Region Bail Centre session held on February 10<sup>th</sup> was successful. Two hundred and sixty-eight people registered and 158 were in attendance.
- The SolGen's Reintegration Unit session was held on February 24<sup>th</sup>. One hundred and fifty-three registered and seventy-two were in attendance.
- The NY-HSJCC Lunch and Learn on the CAMH Sexual Behaviour Clinic took place on January 20<sup>th</sup>. PowerPoint slides were circulated.

### **Approval/Review Workplan for 2022-2023**

Workplan 2022-2023 was circulated prior to the meeting. It was noted that the 2201 Finch Avenue West Courthouse will become the Toronto Region Bail Centre as well. Its beneficial to enhance the committee's relationship with the TSDC to ensure coordination issues are seamless.

Proposed budget: \$600 TTC tokens, \$650 food vouchers, \$2500 Lunch and Learns/Anti-Racism Series, Honorarium \$240, Virtual Court Equipment \$1750. The Toronto Regional HSJCC is meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup> and the workplan and budget will be approved then and submitted to the Provincial HSJCC.

### **Agency/Organization Updates**

How is COVID-19 affecting service delivery in your organization, sector and/or community?

- Deferred to next meeting. It was noted to add to next meeting agenda a discussion whether to change the meeting time from Noon to 1:00 pm or Noon to 1:30 pm or other suggestions.

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

Patricia reported that the Toronto Regional committee has established an Anti-Racism Ad Hoc committee. Its membership includes all local HSJCC Co-chairs. The main goal is to develop an Anti-Racism educational session for the HSJCC target population. This is reflected in the Local HSJCC workplan.

Next T-HSJCC meeting is taking place on March 10<sup>th</sup>

Domenica reported on the Provincial HSJCC. They will be meeting next week. Planning for the next conference began. There is support to continue with a virtual conference because many people were able to attend from up north. Six hundred and eighty people attended the conference. A hybrid model is too expensive.

### **Action Items:**

- Domenica will report on the Lunch and Learn sessions at the next meeting
- Domenica will circulate the PowerPoint presentation slide deck.
- Patricia will report on the WT-HSJCC 2022-2023 workplan and budget at the T-HSJCC March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting

**Presenter for next meeting** – Bradley Scarr from the Metis Nation of Ontario

**Next Meeting:** Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting taking place on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 from 12 pm to -1:00 pm.