



Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2022
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting

Present: Patricia Pagnani (Co-chair), Toronto Bail Program; Debbie Lynch (Co-chair), CTYS; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Elana Glass, Duty Counsel; Sophia Okyere-Oduro, Jean Tweed Centre; Kyra Schrader, Métis Nation of Ontario; Leann Gallant, CMHA Toronto; Rosamma George, Jean Tweed Centre; Jessica Adamson, AYSP; Samantha Johnson Tam (student) CTYS; Serena Nudel, Toronto Neighbourhood Group; Archana Lingendran CMHA Toronto (TCCS program); Karen Poole, Reconnect Community Services; Kristina Dobosz, Community Network of Specialized Care Toronto Region; Brad Scarr, Métis Nation of Ontario

Call-in: None

Regrets: Mary Ross-Hendriks, Justice of the Peace; Laurie Snowden, VWAP; Dana Lee Riley, Elizabeth Fry Society of Toronto; Chelsea Davis, Operation Springboard; Crystal Davis, JHST; Danuta Rasiewicz, TSDC/SolGen; Tina Bell, Salvation Army

Land Acknowledgement

Debbie 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. Kristina Dobosz, Dual Diagnosis Justice Coordinator was welcomed. She is replacing Scott Skinner at Surrey Place.

Review of May3, 2022 minutes

The minutes of the May 3, 2022 meeting were approved by Elana Glass, seconded by Debbie Lynch.

Review Action Items:

Were reviewed and completed.

Presentation: Archana Lingendran from the Northwest Toronto Community Crisis Service Presentation slides will be circulated.

- What is the Toronto Community Crisis Service?
- Context was provided. Develop a community, non-police led response to people experiencing crisis.

- Crisis response that reduces the harm that is disproportionately experienced by Black, Indigenous, Racialized, LGBTQ2S people and those struggling with mental health and addictions
- 24/7 service, voluntary, consent-based, 16 years +, trauma-informed care and harm reduction, “no wrong door approach, mobile crisis team, post crisis follow-up, case management and service navigation, culturally relevant services and referral network
- Can access the TCCS by calling 211 or 911. Will meet where the client is at, offer wrap around services
- Follow-up services offered within 48 hours
- NW pilot collaborative partners were discussed
- Crisis workers skillset: experience in community mental health, crisis intervention, experience working with issues related to substance use and concurrent disorders within a harm reduction approach, includes people with lived experience, youth, Indigenous identified, and nurses
- Serving 23 and 31 Police Division
- Partnering with the Works to provide harm reduction supplies
- Anchana was thanked for the informative and insightful presentation.

Themes discussed

The project is going well. There are plans for expansion. It was noted that the service is wonderful.

Lunch and Learns

- Domenica reported on the upcoming NY-HSJCC session on September 29, on the Gladue: What it is and Why it Matters. Lunch & Learn session are virtual. HSJCC members and colleagues are welcome to attend any sessions. They are not limited to the Local membership. Registration information has been circulated.
- S-HSJCC Lunch and Learn will take place on October 19, on Community Reintegration: A Pathway from Custody to the Community – A Model of Collaborative Care Through Pro-Active Discharge Planning.
- The Sentencing and Parole Project (SPP) session took place on May 19th. SPP is a non-profit organization that prepares enhanced pre-sentence reports (EPSRs) for Black people marginalized by poverty and racial inequality. The reports give judges and parole boards the information they need to make informed sentencing and release decisions. They include recommendations for culturally appropriate programs to assist with rehabilitation. The SPP also trains justice system participants about racism in the justice system.
- 328 people registered and 196 people attended. The recording was circulated to the HSJCC members.

Annual Members Evaluation Summary (May 2022)

Patricia reviewed the annual evaluation. It was circulated prior to the meeting. Overall, the response and feedback were positive. Members were thanked for their contribution.

Agency/Organization Updates

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

- Debbie noted that CTYS is providing a hybrid model. Staff are able to see clients in their home environment - using masks is voluntary.
- Patricia reported on the Bail Program. All staff are back in the office in person full-time Monday to Friday. Clients are reporting in-person and are happy to connect with staff in-person.
- Elana stated that the Legal Aid Office has moved to the front of the courthouse. It is staffed by two people – one legal aid worker and the other a Duty Counsel. There are two staff per day for in-person attendees. She noted that the set date court is going well remotely. It appears that is moving faster. As well, clients can show up in-person if they show up on their court date. Elana asked about the Bail Program enhanced worker at Metro West. Patricia explained the enhanced worker is away on a sick leave so currently enhanced supervision is not available to new clients. Current enhanced clients at Metro West are being temporarily supervised by enhanced supervisors at other locations. Enhanced supervision will resume at Metro West when Laura returns from her sick leave.
- Sophia acknowledged that they are looking for more community partners for their justice program at Jean Tweed. They are slowly re-opening and welcoming agencies to see clients on site and in-person.
- Serena stated that they are providing service in-person, masks are worn when working with vulnerable individuals, otherwise it is voluntarily. There has been an increase of people experiencing mental health challenges and they are working on building referral resources.

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 series for the HSJCC target population. The main focus is education, increase awareness, identify issues and collaboration. The Ad Hoc Group Terms of Reference were circulated. The WT-HSHCC will lead a panel session for a total of 5 sessions.

Next T-HSJCC meeting is taking place on October 13th.

Action Items:

- Domenica will report on the Lunch and Learn sessions at the next meeting
- Domenica will circulate the PowerPoint presentation slide deck.

Presenter for next meeting: TBD

The Jean Tweed will present at the January 10th, 2023 meeting.

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