



**Meeting Minutes
November 1, 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; Kyra Schrader, Métis Nation of Ontario; Jessica Adamson, AYSP; Kristina Dobosz, Community Network of Specialized Care, Toronto Region; Brad Scarr, Métis Nation of Ontario; Laurie Snowden, VWAP; Mary Ross-Hendriks, Justice of the Peace; Justin Dela Pena, P-HSJCC Secretariat; Snehal Jambhale, P-HSJCC Secretariat; Edward Kelly, Judiciary; Mary Jane Elles, CMHA Toronto

Call-in: None

Regrets: Chelsea Davis, Operation Springboard; Danuta Rasiewicz, TSDC/SolGen; Tina Bell, Salvation Army; Elana Glass, Duty Counsel; Lucy O'Btien, Reconnect Community Services; Leann Gallant, CMHA Toronto; Sophia Okyere-Oduro, Jean Tweed Centre; Serena Nudel, Toronto Neighbourhood Group; Rosamma George, Jean Tweed Centre;

Land Acknowledgement

Debbie noted the land acknowledgement recognizing the history of the Indigenous People and their contribution to the land we stand on. It was suggested we share the Land Acknowledgement among the committee members. Please email Patricia, Debbie or Domenica if you are interested before the next meeting.

Welcome and Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves.

Review of September 13, 2022 minutes

The minutes of the September 13, 2022 meeting were approved by Patricia Pagnani, seconded by Debbie Lynch.

Review Action Items:

Were reviewed and completed.

Presentation: *Community Reintegration Planning Tables: Project Update* with Snehal Jambhale, HSJCC Community Reintegration Coordinator & Justin Dela Pena, HSJCC Community Reintegration Policy Analyst

- PowerPoint slides will be circulated.

[Overview of Community Reintegration Planning Tables Project](#)

- SolGen & P-HSJCC Partnership
- Joint ministry-community led Community Reintegration Tables
- Provincial Framework – structures of planning tables and implementation strategies
- -Promote proactive, coordinated and timely release planning and mobilization of community resources for high-need individual released from custody
- Enhance community safety

Local Considerations for Toronto Planning Tables

- Roles- Co-chairs: Release Planning, case conference and referrals and Co-chair meetings
- - Planning Tables will establish at 10 sites. Toronto South Detention Centre (TSDC) is part of the first five sites. To be operational by the end of 2022. Toronto East
- Detention Centre is part of the next five sites to be operational in January 2023.
- - Implementation strategy reviewed. Aiming to have the first planning meeting by the end of November. Working on Identifying the Community Co-chair and recruiting members for the Community Reintegration Planning Tables.
- - Justin noted that the project is still figuring out the full scope for high-need clients and identifying how to address late release. Working on developing partnerships to build a planning table.

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Themes discussed:

- Debbie addressed the concern that clients are released from the Detention Centres without meds. Can this be addressed? Can it be flagged within the initial intake?
- Laurie stated that the victim's safety might be an issue, can high-risk safety concerns be addressed in the needs criteria of the project?
- It was noted that the high needs criteria are not developed by the P-HSJCC. It was suggested that Justin and Snehal provide updates to the committee at another time.

Justin and Snehal were thanked for their informative and insightful presentation.

Lunch and Learns

- Domenica provided the report - The Anti-Racism Series' first session took place on October 27th and the second will take place on November 24. The facilitator was Dr. Rai Reece from the Metropolitan University. The feedback has been phenomenal. To attend session two, you need to have attended session one. The sessions were not recorded, but resource materials were circulated. 378 registered, and 178 attended.
- The NY-HSJCC session which took place on September 29, on the Gladue: What it is and Why it Matters. We had five hundred and eighty people registered and 188 in attendance. The recording was circulated.
- S-HSJCC held a Lunch and Learn on October 19. The topic was Community Reintegration: A Pathway from Custody to the Community – A Model of Collaborative Care Through Pro-Active Discharge Planning. Eighty-eight people registered and 42 were in attendance.

Community Safety and Wellbeing Plans Feedback

Domenica provided a brief background about the CSWB Plans. The questionnaire was provided by the Provincial HSJCC for the Toronto Locals to provide feedback. The collated summary for the WT-HSJCC meeting feedback is below:

1. *How are Regional and Local HSJCCs involved in Community Safety and Wellbeing Plans (CSWB Plans)? Do representatives from HSJCC's sit on CSWB tables or have a mechanism for information flow between the two? (and if not involved, what are some of the potential barriers around participation?)*

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- *Committee Members identified they are not aware or have any knowledge about the CSWB Plans or the CSWB tables. What are the criteria to participate at these tables? How was the membership selection made?*
2. *Do community partners find the CSWB Plans useful to their local communities? Are the plans enhancing communication, collaboration and overall public safety in their community?*
 - *Unknown because members have not received information or have knowledge re: the CSWB Plans.*
 3. *Do you have any suggested changes when it comes to the use of CSWB Plans?*
 - *It would be helpful to have a list of services or initiatives that are offered/implemented because of the CSWB Plans.*
 - *Can we have a CSWB representative present at our meeting?*
 4. *Any other comments or feedback that would help SOLGEN assess the effectiveness of CSWB Plans and improve collaboration between existing structures such as HSJCCs.*
 - *More information is required. As well a list of the programs developed under the CSWB Plans would be beneficial.*

Agency/Organization Updates

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

- Patricia reported on the Bail Program. All staff are back in the office in person, from Monday to Friday. Clients are reporting in person and are happy to connect with staff. She noted that the Enhanced Bail Coordinator is back from her leave and working from the courthouse.
- Debbie inquired about how the courts are doing. It was noted that the courthouse is getting back to 'normal'. However, trials are hybrid.
- Judges are back in court
- Concerns expressed about lawyers coming or not coming back to court in person.

- It was noted that the Duty Counsel is present for the bail court but may not be present at the plea court.
- It was stated that when clients come to the courthouse in person to deal with their matters, they are happy versus the disconnection and challenges they experience during virtual court. Clients do not know what to do when waiting virtually for their legal matters to be addressed.
- Mary Jane Ellis stated that she is happy that the bail program is back on the first floor.
- Patricia noted that all bail matters and WASH court will take place at 2201 Finch Avenue, West courthouse in March 2023.

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, increasing awareness, identifying issues, and collaboration.

The next T-HSJCC meeting is taking place on January 9th.

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

Next Meeting: Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting taking place on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, from 12 pm to -1:00 pm.