



Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2023
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, AYSO; 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; Elana Glass, Duty Counsel; Tina Bell, Salvation Army; Daniela Velez, Reconnect; Genieve Chin, Toronto Bail Program; Chrystal Davis, JHS; Edward Kelly, Judiciary; Rosamma George, Jean Tweed Centre

Call-in: None

Regrets: Chelsea Davis, Operation Springboard; Danuta Rasiewicz, TSDC/SolGen; Leann Gallant, CMHA Toronto; Sophia Okyere-Oduro, Jean Tweed Centre; Serena Nudel, Toronto Neighbourhood Group

Land Acknowledgement

Patricia 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 November 1, 2022 minutes

The minutes of the November 1, 2022 meeting were approved by Kyra Schrader, seconded by Kristina Dobosz.

Review Action Items:

Were reviewed and completed.

Presentation: Jean Tweed Centre with Rosamma George

-PowerPoint slides will be circulated to the HSJCC members.

-Justice Focused Programs will be highlighted during the presentation.

- What is Jean Tweed? Provides a safe and supportive environment for women from around Ontario with substance use, mental health and gambling concerns.
- Release From Custody (RFC): To engage detained women in pre-release case management, to assist women in safety transitioning back into their identified community.
- Justice Addiction & Mental Health (JAM): Supports women with mental health and substance use concerns who also have criminal justice involvement.
- Referrals-Self-referrals, court diversion, probation/parole officers.
- Reaching Out to Women (ROW): Created in partnership with community-based organizations to provide counselling support to women at risk.

Themes discussed:

- Currently, there is no waitlist for the JAM program. The residential treatment programs have a 2- month waitlist. If an individual is waiting to attend a program, while waiting they can join the weekly stabilizing group.
- Due to COVID most groups are virtual except the intensive treatment programs. - Clients need to have access to virtual technology, it is not provided. The short-term case management program is usually for 2-3 months. During this time the staff can connect the client to internal or external programs.
- Referral form is available on the Jean Tweed website.
- Rosamma noted that a new site in the east end of Toronto on Broadview recently opened for mild to moderate withdrawal.
- Rosamma was thanked for her informative and insightful presentation.

Lunch and Learns

Domenica provided the report on the Anti-Racism Series' third session of 5 taking place on January 26th. The topic is Voices/ Lived Experience. The registration information for this session was circulated. The Anti-Racism series feedback has been phenomenal. 217 registered, and 97 attended session 2.

Review Workplan for 2022-2023

What have we accomplished and what future areas to consider?

- Patricia noted that meetings and Lunch and Learn attendance has increased, indicating that the virtual format is working well.
- We held 5 meetings and had two Lunch and Learns. It was agreed to continue with having 5 meetings per year. The committee agreed that one of these meetings be a mega meeting with all of the Toronto Local HSJCCs coming together to discuss mutual concerns.

Who is missing at the table?

- Members acknowledged the importance of having representation from the TSDC, Maplehurst Correctional Complex and Vanier. Domenica will contact Mark Linton to present on the TSDC Reintegration Planning Tables and/or the Reintegration

Officers at the Toronto East Detention Centre. If you have suggestions who to invite to this table please inform Domenica.

New courthouse updates/Impact on WT-HSJCC meetings

- Discussion ensued noting that the 2201 Finch avenue west courthouse will be the Region Bail Centre serving all of Toronto. Committee members acknowledged the importance of monitoring the justice sector changes to identify their impact on the client population we serve. As well, how will these changes impact the HSJCC?

-Committee members agreed that one of the WT-HSJCC regular meetings to be a mega meeting with the other Toronto Local HSJCCs to address the impact of the New Courthouse/Region Bail Centre on our client population.

Virtual/In-person meetings format for 2023-24?

-Members acknowledged the benefits of having virtual meetings because more people can attend them. The committee agreed to continue with virtual meetings, eventually, implement a hybrid model when we know more about the New Courthouse/Bail Centre space and virtual accessibility there. Committee members suggested that we have one Lunch and Learn in-person per year. This can enhance members' network and engagement opportunities. It was suggested to have a Lunch and Learn session inviting community members to share information on their programs similar to an information fair. This can enhance engagement and connection among the cross-sector membership given the justice sector changes that are taking place.

Agency/Organization Updates

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

- Patricia reported on the Bail Program. Staff is back in the office in person, from Monday to Friday. Clients are reporting in person and are happy to connect with staff.
- Committee members agreed to continue with the meeting time from noon to 1:00 p.m.

Updates from T-HSJCC and Provincial HSJCC:

Patricia reported on the Toronto Regional Anti-Racism Ad Hoc Group.

The next T-HSJCC meeting is taking place on March 9th, 2023.

Action Items:

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

Presenter for next meeting:

Domenica will invite Mark Linton to present on the TSDC Reintegration Planning Table.

Next Meeting: Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting taking place on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, from 12 pm to -1:00 pm.