

Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2023
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting

Present: Debbie Lynch (Co-chair), CTYS; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Kristina Dobosz, Community Network of Specialized Care, Toronto Region; Nikita Moriarity, Reconnect; Genieve Chin, Toronto Bail Program; Edward Kelly, Judiciary; Rosamma George, Jean Tweed Centre; Samantha Johnson, CTYS; Laurie Snowden, VWAP; Kyra Schrader, Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO); Bradley Scarr, Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO); Serena Nudel, Toronto Neighbourhood Group; Andrea Skrzek, SolGen; Laverda Thomas; JHST

Call-in: None

Regrets: Patricia Pagnani (Co-chair), Toronto Bail Program; Elana Glass, Duty Counsel; Danuta Rasiewicz, TSDC/SolGen; Tina Bell, Salvation Army; Jessica Adamson, AYSP; Mark Linton, John Howard Society of Toronto; Leann Gallant, CMHA Toronto; Matthew Carrol, TCCS; Mary Ross-Hendriks, Justice of the Peace

Land Acknowledgement

Debbie provided the land acknowledgment recognizing the history of the Indigenous People and their contribution to the land we stand on. It was encouraged 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 March 7, 2023 minutes

The March 7, 2023 meeting minutes were approved by Judiciary Edward Kelly and seconded by Bradley Scarr.

Review Action Items:

Were reviewed and completed.

Presentation: Orson Payne, Family Support Worker at Reclaiming our Communities Investing in Our Youth

Funded by the Public Safety Canada, and partnered with Black Creek Community Health Centre (BCCHC). The RCIY project serves Black and Racialized youth, ages 12-29 in need of employment, educational attainment, mental health support, and reintegration

This is accomplished through:

GED/academic preparation and teaching One-on-one and group counselling Community workshops Referrals (providing participants with appropriate resources, and support to external agencies)

They serve youth and families that are:

Black and racialized
Deemed at-risk (low, medium, high)
12-29 years of age
Out of school
Out of work
Street/criminally-involved
In need of mental health support
They provide services to meet the participant's needs, such as:
Counselling
GED Preparation/OSSGD achievement
Community, in-school workshops
Case management
Registered after-school drop-in sessions
Referrals

The RCIY Project is collaborating with an Evaluation Team, which is assisting in analyzing and interpreting project data to keep the RCIY initiative on track.

Themes Discussed: The dictionary used by youth is Urban Dictionary, it provides contemporary youth slang that helps one working with youth connect at their level.

Orson was thanked for a very informative and compassionate presentation.

Lunch and Learns Update

Domenica reported on the Anti-Racism series. 1099 registered for this series, and 453 attended the sessions. It was a very successful five-part series. 99% rated the content above average to excellent. Due to the success and feedback, the Toronto Anti-Racism Ad Hoc Group is addressing repeating the series.

Member Annual Evaluation:

Domenica reminded members to complete the annual evaluation. Your input is essential to help us with continuous improvement. We want to hear from you. It takes 5 minutes to complete the members' evaluation.

Agency/Organization Updates:

- Kyra reported that the MNO justice program is expanding and continues to work at the federal level to meet justice and policing priorities. Hiring new positions update: manager, eight restorative justice coordinators, justice program specialist, and data evaluation. Congratulations were provided for the MNO expansion.

- Debbie stated that CTYS is merging with George Hall.

Andrea Skrzek provided the CRO contacts for the following:

Toronto East Detention Centre

- Julianne Fernie – (437) 990-9971 email @ julianne.fernier@ontario.ca
- Melissa Maguire – (437) 993-0053 email @ melissa.maguire@ontario.ca
- Jaime Carrington – (437) 990-9927 email @ jaime.carrington@ontario.ca

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- Cecilia Yip: 437-242-5373 email @ cecilia.yip@ontario.ca
- Susanne Narciso: 437-234-7601 email @ susanne.narciso@ontario.ca
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- Tom Baldesarra - (905) 703-4817 email @ thomas.baldesarra@ontario.ca
- Teruko Clarke - (365) 822-1469 email @ teruko.clarke@ontario.ca
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Vanier CRO contacts:

- Andrea Skrzek - (289) 937-0585 email @ andrea.skrzek@ontario.ca
- Anna Abdullahu - (289) 242-9374 email @ anna.abdullahu@ontario.ca

Service Coordination/ Resolution Issues

Does anyone have any issues to resolve? Are there any issues to bring forth to the Toronto Regional HSJCC?

None Identified.

Updates from T-HSJCC and Provincial HSJCC

- Provincial Conference - November 15-16, 2023
- Next T-HSJCC meeting taking place on June 8, 2023
- Anti-Racism Ad Hoc Group Updates – see above

Domenica reported that the provincial conference will occur virtually on November 15-16. She circulated the abstract call, and the submission date is May 15th. The conference cost for members will be \$50, non-members \$75, and PWLE will attend for free.

Presenter for next meeting: Joyceline Sobers, Fred Victor on the Court Support Services at the Ontario Court of Justice -Toronto, and Laverda Thomas, JHST on their youth program.

Action Items:

Contact Domenica if you can provide the Land Acknowledgement at the September meeting. Domenica will circulate the presentation PowerPoint slides.

The next Meeting: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 (virtually) from Noon to 1:00 p.m.