



**Toronto Regional Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee
(T-HSJCC)
Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2014
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
CMHA, 700 Lawrence Avenue**

Present: Steve Lurie, CMHA; Judy Moir, CHIRS; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Umwali Sollange CH &E Specialist (RIC-JC), GTA Region; Amber Kellen, John Howard Society; Katie Almond, Probation and Parole; Susan Davis, Gerstein Centre; Nancy Blades, Cota; Diana Korn-Hassani, Toronto Police Service (on behalf of Chris Boddy); Frank Sirotich CMHA; Sandi Bricker, Toronto Network of Specialized Care/Surrey Place Centre; Amanda Napier, Correctional Service Canada; Melissa Fee, Correctional Service Canada; Rebecca Higgins, CAMH; Asha Maharaj, CAMH

Call-in: Paula Beard, Legal Aid Ontario, Linda Ngan, Toronto ABI Network (on behalf of Charissa Levy) Susan Boucaud, Toronto East Detention Centre; Laval Binns, MCSCS.

Regrets: Bill Gapen, Griffin Centre; Allar Viinamae, MCSCS; Susan Adams, Defense Counsel; Charissa Levy, Toronto ABI Network; Brad Tamcsu, MCSCS; Carole Sinclair, MAARS/SASP; Susan Morris, CAMH Dual; Elana Glass, Duty Counsel; Chris Harris, PASAN; Debbie Lynch, CTYS, New Outlook

Welcome and Introductions

- Everybody introduced themselves.

Review and Approval of November 14, 2013 minutes

- The November 14, 2013 minutes were approved.

The EnAbling Change Project

Steve Lurie suggested that committee members think about how we can use the EnAbling Change Project material when it's available. He introduced Frank Sirotich who provided background on the EnAbling Change Project.

Background:

- MAG asked CMHA to develop a project how to communicate supports to people with MH issues in the context of the new Accessibility for Ontario with Disability Act (AODA).

Phase 1: Training needs assessment.

- Joe Bornstein and the members of the Health Innovations Group were hired to provide a comprehensive needs assessment.

- Data was collected, including an extensive literature review and interviews of service users and court workers. 100 interviews were conducted with experts in the field, including consumer groups, lawyers and court administration.
The needs assessment concluded that the identified gap is that there is no formal training geared to the justice sector for understanding mental health issues. People learned on their own how to deal with people with MH issues. The consultants recommended training and education.

Phase 2: Curriculum Development

- CMHA and CAMH have been collaborating to develop a web-based training curriculum. It is provincial in scope
- The target population is the broader justice system, such as the family, tribunal, and civil sectors as well as professional groups such as duty counsel, defense counsel, administrative staff, probation etc.

Phase 3:

- This will be the evaluation

Asha Maharaj and Rebecca Higgins were introduced. Asha Maharaj, the Manager of Education Services at CAMH. She is a member of the Advisory Committee for the EnAbling Change Project. The Advisory Committee has a curriculum committee. Rebecca Higgins will be doing the curriculum content development. Curriculum material will be ready for March 31, 2014.

- The training will be free.
- The presentation slide deck will be distributed with the minutes.
- The internal stakeholders' review process will include health equity, forensic, and developmental disability groups who will provide feedback.

Curriculum Design

Introduction to Mental Health and Substance use problems

- It is more important to know the best ways to communicate than to know the diagnosis.

Health Equity

How do we help people without restigmatizing them?

- Provide statistics to make the impact of stigma relevant.

Communication Skills

A number of suggestions were made.

- If you have other suggestions or ideas please send them to Domenica Dileo who will forward them to Asha Maharaj and Rebecca Higgins. Asha.Maharaj@camh.ca or Rebecca.Higgins@camh.ca
- If you have examples of communication barriers that you have faced, what you did, and the context which can be used as part of the curriculum design, send them to Domenica Dileo who will forward them to Rebecca Higgins.
- An update on the EnAbling Change Project will be provided at the March 28, 2014 T-HSJCC meeting

Update on the Justice Collaborative and Decision

- Steve Lurie introduced Umwali Sollange, CH & E Specialist (RIC-JC), GTA. The working group met and came up with three options that were presented at the January 15, 2104 Justice Collaborative meeting. A list of options was distributed at the meeting and will be included with the meeting minutes. From the three options, a Hybrid Intervention Model was developed and supported by the Justice Collaborative members.
- The model was distributed at the meeting. It is incomplete and the revised intervention will be circulated when it is completed.
- The Hybrid Model will have two sites - a virtual site and a physical site (South Detention Centre/Reintegration Centre).
- The goal is to address the needs of the population who are diagnosed and those who are not diagnosed, as well as the assessment and screening tools.
- Adding the Bail Court as part of the physical site was suggested
- The LAO hotline can connect with system navigation to address social determinants of health.
- Concerns were expressed that after a first appearance at court, everything else is done via video.
- Looking at the advocacy piece between the police and duty counsel was suggested. There will be no paper trail due to technological video screening changes.
- It was suggested that MAG be included and that a connection be made with the South Detention Centre Social Worker for release planning triage.
- The South Detention Centre assessment will inform people about the Reintegration Centre.
- An update of the Justice Collaborative will be provided at the next meeting.

Update from the T-HSJCC Complex Committee

- Judy Moir provided the update.
- Umwali Sollange attended the meeting and reported on the Justice Collaborative.
- The Reconnect/CHIRS project did a presentation to the committee. It is a pilot project between two agencies - mental health and ABI - to look at shared care. They are also looking at scalability with other populations.
- The data project will be discussed at the February 6th meeting.
- The committee is looking at the Work Plan and service resolution.
- The ABI system navigation project received funding to the end of March 2014 from the LHINs to look at complex cases. Recommendations will be brought to the next T-HSJCC meeting and will include resource needs.
It was suggested that leveraging resources be looked at the next T-HSJCC meeting.
- Two years ago it was suggested that in the year that the P-HSJCC does not have a conference, the Toronto locals could have one. The next P-HSJCC conference will take place in 2016.

P-HSJCC update

Katie Almond reported that

- 400 people registered for the P-HSJCC conference and it was very successful.
- There is a new P-HSJCC website with more capability, more user friendliness, a search engine and articles.
- On January 29th there is a P-HSJCC webinar on prisoner belongings. 250 have registered. The webinar will be posted on the HSJCC website <http://www.hsjcc.on.ca>
- Legal Aid Ontario presented on their Mental Health Strategies and it's available on the legal aid website <http://www.legalaid.on.ca/en>

Updates from Toronto Local HSJCCs

- The downtown local is looking at the capacity issue of the mental health and justice short term residential beds. How do we capture the capacity and address the issue? Making a link with the Justice Collaborative was suggested.
- The Downtown local had a tour of the South Detention Centre.
- The Scarborough local is developing a pilot project with various stakeholders, including a community pharmacist, to address seamless continuity of care for the homeless population. Having a webinar on the pilot project was suggested.
- The South Detention Centre will open on January 28, 2014, starting with transferring the general population and followed by the special needs population.
- The Reintegration Centre will make a site decision in the next two weeks and is looking at April 1, 2014 opening date.
- People were informed that the LHIN's are funding a pilot project to access interpreters for mental health and justice programs. It was suggested that they connect to the local hospital first. For Scarborough, if the Scarborough Hospital does not have access to interpreters, contact Kathy Chau at CMHA for more information
- Deputy Chief Mike Federico will be presenting at the next meeting on the Toronto Police Mental Health Board and the challenges the Police Service has faced.

Actions

- If you have other suggestions or ideas re the EnAbling Change curriculum project, send them to Domenica Dileo. If you have examples of communication barriers that you have faced, what you did, and the context which can be used as part of the curriculum design, send them to Domenica Dileo who will forward them to Rebecca Higgins.
- The EnAbling Change Project Training Curriculum and Umwali Sollange's slide deck will be distributed with the minutes.

Next Meeting

March 28, 2014 from 9:30 to 12:00 noon at CMHA, 700 Lawrence Avenue West, Suite 480 (Followed by the Co-chairs meeting)

The meeting will be extended for 30 minutes because of the full agenda.

