



Scarborough Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee (S-HSJCC)

Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2014

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Scarborough Probation and Parole Office

2131 Lawrence Ave. East, #200

Present: Susan Boucaud (Co-chair), Toronto East Detention Centre; Karina Frost, Cota; Sharon Williams, Scarborough Hospital; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Julie-Anne Nayler, Lakeridge Health Centre; Michele Graham, CHIRS; David Raponi-Monk; John Howard Society; Erwin Black, Cota; Monica McWhirter, Scarborough Housing Help Centre; Glen Gifford, Agincourt Community Services Association; Samim Hasham, Morrish Pharmacy; Eric MacMullin, The Scarborough Hospital (on behalf of Flo Skinner); Robin Adamson, Bartimaeus Inc.

Regrets: Umwali Sollange, Justice Collaborative, Implementation Coordinator; Dale Nichiporik, Toronto Police Service; Paul Rowe, Toronto Police Service; Flo Skinner, Rouge Valley Health System; Debbie Lynch, CTYS, New Outlook; Antonella Wilson, CMHA; Lynda Lingard, Bail Program; Carole Sinclair (Co-chair), MAARS/SASP, CAMH; Sharon Allen Elliot, Second Base Youth Shelter; Brian Bell, MCSCS

Welcome and Introductions

- Everybody introduced themselves.
- **Review and Approval of Minutes of March 4, 2014**
- The minutes were approved.

Presentation – Glen Gifford, Agincourt Community Services Association

- Agincourt Community Services Association is a multi-service organization with a child and family centre and various locations. The head office is at Kennedy and Sheppard.
- A document entitled ACSA – Homeless and Outreach Services Department was distributed and reported on the accomplishments of the following programs:
 - Evictions -Prevention Harm Reduction
 - Drop-in
 - Street Outreach Services
 - Housing Follow-Up Support Services
 - Massage Parlour/Micro-Brothel Outreach
 - Financial Advocacy and Problem-Solving

- The document will be attached to the minutes distribution.

Glen Gifford reported that

- Last year the Association served 44 clients in the eviction-prevention program and 39 kept their housing.
- It provides three months of case management and partnered with community housing. Currently, there is no waitlist.
- The drop-in provides hot lunches and runs 6 days per week from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (closed on Wednesdays). Participants have free access to computers, telephones, personal care items and an income tax clinic. Women's group runs on Friday. It holds a dental bus program on the first Monday of the month.
- Primary Care Program includes a doctor started in January and runs every second Thursday, OHIP is not required.
- Psychiatric Clinic runs twice per month on Mondays.
- Glen Gifford was acknowledged and thanked for a very informative presentation.

Pilot Project – Consumer Survivor Participation

- Eric MacMullin reported on the pilot project. The working group is looking at including on the committee people with lived experience.
- The S-HSJCC committee members requested the development of a plan to deal with situations involving S-HSJCC members who may have issues pending before the courts.
- Suggestion was made that such committee members should voluntarily disclose, in private, to the co-chair or coordinator of the committee their intent to withdraw.
- Domenica Dileo reported that we have funds for an honorarium for people with lived experience to join the committee.
- There was a discussion regarding the length of the membership probation period. It was agreed that probation periods shall not be less than four months or more than six months.
- Erwin Black reported on the Habitat for Humanity model to include people with lived experience in their organization: Habitat for Humanity believes that the environment (inclusiveness with members with lived experience) is very important, creating an effective power balance rather than an “us versus them” situation.
- It was agreed to have a presenter from the consumer and survivor organization *Voices from the Street*. The organization can provide ongoing consultation.
- Domenica Dileo will contact *Voices from the Street* to find out whether they can present at the September 6, 2014 S-HSJCC meeting.

Police, Agincourt Community Services Association (ACSA) and Community Pharmacy Coordination

- Samim Hasham reported on the pilot project. A meeting took place among Samim Hasham, Paul Rowe and Glen Glifford. They met to discuss how to coordinate their support for this project.
- Samim Hasham provided the following information: “Preparation for release and engagement with follow-up is essential for identified population. In a systematic review, Fazel and Yu found that persons with Serious Mental Illness (SMI) have a moderately higher risk of offending than do persons without SMI and noted that improvements in their treatment and management while in custody and after release have the potential to make a positive impact on public health.”
- Point-of release concerns - lack of continued care leads to illness, criminality, social instability etc.
- The pilot project has identified two sets of clients those who need housing and one who does not need housing.
- Clients will be able to use primary health service at ACSA. Doctor on site can provide prescriptions.
- The project will collect data and document the outcomes of 15 clients who have used the coordinated service among the pharmacy, ACSA and police. The identified time frame for serving 15 clients in the coordinated service is three to four months, increasing to 30 clients as soon as the service is able to accommodate.
- Eventually, the aim is to present a learning webinar – to share the learning of the project.
- The committee members support the project. Any members with suggestions are requested to contact Samim Hasham.
- Samim Hasham was acknowledged and thanked for her contribution to the project.

Agency/Organization Updates

- Erwin Black reported that the Cota intensive case management program with St Michael’s Hospital has not started.
- Eric MacMullin reported that the merger between The Scarborough Hospital and Rouge Valley Health System will not take place.

Service Coordination/Resolution Issues

- No issues were identified.

T-HSJCC and P-HSJCC Updates

- The S-HSJCC 2014-2015 work plan and budget request were approved by the T-HSJCC.
- New tracking system for TTC tokens and Food Voucher budget request will be put in place. Domenica Dileo will follow up with Antonella Wilson to administer the TTC tokens and Food Vouchers at the courthouse.
- Domenica Dileo provided a report on the T-HSJCC. The March 27, 2014 ABI and FASD webinar are available on the HSJCC website. More ‘specialized populations’ topics will be addressed in greater detail in future webinars. There were some

technical difficulties. On March 28, 2014, a webinar with Deputy Chief Mike Federico addressed mental health and policing. The webinar is on the HSJCC website.

- The PHSJCC is beginning to work on the 2015 conference and are looking for volunteers for the planning committee. If interested, please contact Alice Bellevance: alice@bisno.org or Joan Dervin: joan.dervin@theroyal.ca
- Legal Aid Ontario is still working on drafting a contract with CMHA Ontario for a mental health screener project on which the HSJCC is listed as a partner. Some members will be asked to participate on an Advisory Group for this project.

Actions:

- Domenica Dileo will contact *Voices from the Street* to find out whether they can present at the September 6, 2014 S-HSJCC meeting.

Next Meeting

- September 9, 2014 at 2131 Lawrence Ave. East, #200
- The presentation will be determined.