



**West Toronto Human Services and Justice
Coordinating Committee (WT-HSJCC)**

Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2015

2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Metro West Courthouse, 2201 Finch Avenue West, Boardroom

Present: Patricia Pagnani (Co-chair), Toronto Bail Program; Amber Kellen (Co-chair), John Howard Society of Toronto; Sarah Haslip, T.A. Patterson & Associates; Leann Gallant, CMHA; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Elana Glass, Duty Counsel; Shirley Rokos, PACE Independent Living; Karen Poole, Reconnect; Debbie Lynch (Co-chair), CTYS; Nicole Giles, CMHA; Lisette Fernandez, Jean Tweed Centre; Mia Abbas, Jean Tweed Centre; Mike Burgess, Toronto Police Service; Dan Breault, SPIDER

Call-In: Laval Binns, Probation and Parole; Mary Ross-Hendriks, Judiciary

Regrets: Mohamed Badsha, Reconnect; Mary Dwyer, TSDC; Nancy Blades, Cota; Doris Galas, Humber River Regional Hospital

Welcome and Introductions

- Everyone introduced themselves.

Review of January 13, 2015 minutes

- The minutes were approved.

Munch and Learns

- March 11, 2015 there will be the Munch and Learn on 'Substance Use Treatment System 101 for Courtroom Decision-Makers with Dennis Long, Executive Director at Breakway Addiction Services and Robin Cuff, Manager of the Toronto Drug Treatment Court Program at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Toronto. It will take place from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. at 2201 Finch Avenue West, Courtroom 202.

Presentation – Dan Breault, SPIDER/FOCUS REXDALE

- Presentation slide deck will be distributed with the minutes.
- FOCUS REXDALE is a multi-disciplinary approach to reducing crime and improving community resilience. Address violence to others or self.
- Have a Steering Committee which conducts interventions based on acutely elevated levels of risk (AER)

- Quarterly Review for system issues
- Identify opportunity for Neighbourhood Planning Tables
- Provided definition of AER: Situations deemed, through a variety of criteria and perspectives, from a variety of agencies to meet risk intervention because of a high probability that they will become emergencies involving social disorder, crime, or victimization
- Agencies that sit at the table can refer
- S.P.I.D.E.R. Specialized Program for Enhanced Interdivisional Responsiveness to reduce recurrence of risks, and ensure safe integration and inclusion of vulnerable Torontonians in their neighbourhood. To develop coordinated responses to complex and unresolved health and safety risks that involve vulnerable individuals. It's a city wide initiative. It's a separate program from FOCUS REXDALE.
- Ensuring existing health care, social and community services are made available; and identifying and driving needed systemic reforms.
- SPIDER structure based on FOCUS REXDALE. It has Steering Committee, System Reform Table, Local or Inter-government Policy Change, Situation Table (Front Line)
- Referrals – Only participating Division at the SPIDER Situation Table can refer a case
- City Division that do not participate at SIPDER may contact SPIDER for guidance
- SPIDER Program does not take referrals from the public
- Accomplishments to date were discussed. Nineteen numbered cases on file
- For more information contact Dan Breault at 416-392-6141 or email at dbreault@toronto.ca
- Dan Breault was thanked for his informative presentation.

2015/2016 Work Plan

- The revised work plan was distributed and approved.
- Discussion ensued on the S-HSJCC model to include people with lived experience on the committee. The S-HSJCC had a presentation from Voices from the Street who were able to refer people with lived experience to join the committee who completed their leadership training and meet the committee's criteria.
- It was decided to invite Voices from the Street to present at the next meeting. If they are available we will invite the Peer Support staff from John Howard Society of Toronto to present.
- Budget to the T-HSJCC:
 - To provide TTC tokens and food vouchers support at the courthouse and the Reintegration Centre because video bail will take place at the TSDC It was identified that it is a much-needed service. It was agreed that the TTC tokens and Food Vouchers be divided between the Courthouse and the Reintegration Centre. It is recommended that

\$500 go towards tokens and \$500 towards food vouchers (\$1000 total).

- Lunch and Learns: \$940 total for three Lunch and Learns
- Honorarium for People with Lived Experience. \$600 total

TOTAL BUDGET = \$2,540

- The Work Plan and Budget were approved.

Agency/Organization Updates

- Leann Gallant reported on the new CMHA program Post Incarceration Housing Worker. The handout and referral form was distributed. Objective is to prevent the cycle of homelessness and incarceration by assisting individuals to find and maintain affordable housing. We also help them to obtain the services and supports they need in their community. CMHA Toronto Post Incarceration Housing Workers are available at the Etobicoke, North York and Scarborough courts to assist individuals who are released from custody or have court matters. Assist with housing and working on program criteria.
- The program is working with concurrent populations. Referral form will be included with the minutes.
- Amber Kellen reported on the Reintegration Centre. They have heat and water. Clients are beginning to come in. Completed 25 assessments. The Harm Reduction Advisory Committee is having their first meeting. A key member on the committee is Victor Wills from PARC.

Service Coordination Issues/Service Resolution

- No issues identified.

Updates from the T-HSJCC and Provincial HSJCC

- The T-HSJCC Complex Care Sub-Committee hired a consultant to look at a Service Resolution Process in Toronto. The consultants will be presenting their finding to the T-HSJCC meeting in March 2015.
- P-HSJCC save the date conference went out. It will take place November 16 – 18, 2015 in Toronto.

Actions

- Domenica Dileo to contact Voices from the Street to present at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

May 12, 2015 at 2201 Metro West Courthouse, 2201 Finch Avenue West, Boardroom (between courtroom 202 and 203) from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Domenica Dileo will add Elena Glass's and Patricia Pagnani's cell numbers to the meeting reminder to let people know who to call if they need to get into the meeting

