



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

**Meeting Minutes  
October 8, 2013 – 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.  
Reconnect, 56 Aberfoyle Crescent, 4<sup>th</sup> floor**

**Present:** Laval Binns (Co-Chair), Probation and Parole; Mohamed Badsha (Co-Chair), Reconnect; Sarah Haslip, T.A. Patterson & Associates; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC Coordinator; Karen Poole, Reconnect; Leann Gallant, CMHA; Lynda Lingard, Toronto Bail Program; Lisette Fernandez, Jean Tweed

**Via Teleconference:** Mary Dwyer, TWDC; Danuata Rasiewics, TWDC; Doris Galas, Humber River Regional Hospital

**Regrets:** Elana Glass, Duty Counsel; Debbie Lynch, CTYS; Brad Gill Tamcsu, Toronto South Detention Centre

**Welcome and Introductions**

- Everyone introduced themselves.

**Review of May 14, 2013 minutes**

- The minutes were approved

**Presentation** – Debbie Lynch on CTYS, New Outlook deferred to another meeting

**Agency/Organization updates**

- Reintegration Centre
  - Domenica Dileo will contact Amber Keller from the John Howard Society to arrange an update on the Reintegration Centre at the next meeting. The WT-HSJCC would like to discuss what role and/or support we can provide.
  - Domenica reported that Brad Gill Tamcsu has a scheduling conflict and is unable to attend the WT-HSJCC meeting. Brad reported that the TSDC had a public open house during the weekend. They accommodated over 3300 public visitors over a three-day period. A specific TSDC opening date and inmate transition plan have not been confirmed.
- Justice Collaborative
  - Umwali Sollange distributed the Map of Synthesized Issues & Preliminary Priorities, which will be included with the minutes.
  - The JC has had 4 meetings since April.

- The gap they are focusing on is from Point 1 and 6 on the map - initial arrest and discharge.
- - Point 1 – Lack of cultural understanding, timely service, impact of stigma, how people interact with the courts, impact of racism, MH and A.
- - Point 6 – Release – How to reduce recidivism? After someone is released do we have the support? Limited discharge planning will be suggested as a gap at the next JC meeting.

### **Terms of Reference**

- The revised Terms of Reference were approved
- At the next WT-HSJCC meeting the committee will discuss their role with the Reintegration Centre. Domenica Dileo will contact Amber Keller from the John Howard Society to provide an update on the Reintegration Centre.

### **Membership Review**

- Domenica Dileo will connect with Police Service representatives on the committee, update them on the committee and check in about membership.

### **Co-Chairs Selection**

- Laval Binns and Mohamed Badsha are stepping down as Co-chairs at the end of their term in November 2013. Laval Binns informed the committee that he has enjoyed being the Co-chair. Mohamed and Laval are looking forward to continue as members. Both Laval and Mohamed will be a resource to the new Co-chairs to provide continuity during the transitional period. The committee acknowledged their appreciation for the commitment, insight and contribution that Laval Binns and Mohamed Badsha have made to the WT-HSJCC.
- Elana Glass (Duty Counsel) and Debbie Lynch (CTYS, New Outlook) were nominated for the WT-HSJCC Co-chairs' position and the committee unanimously accepted their nomination.
- If there is a group we would like to invite, the WT-HSJCC membership is kept open. Please email Domenica Dileo with the contact information of any suggested members.
- Domenica Dileo will inform the new WT-HSJCC Co-chairs that their nomination was accepted unanimously by the committee.

### **Service Coordination Issues/Service Resolution**

- Carry forward to next meeting.

### **Updates From the T-HSJCC and Provincial HSJCC**

- The P-HSJCC conference *The Changing World from Youth to Elderly in Human Services and Justice* will take place at the Toronto Marriott Eaton Centre, November 25-27, 2013.
- The Provincial HSJCC honoraria policy was distributed prior to the meeting. The committee needs clarity as to the why, how and when. The committee does not feel ready to have people with lived experience on the committee since the

membership is primarily service providers. The committee would like to keep the discussion.

**Next meeting: November 12, 2013.**

**Actions**

- Domenica Dileo will reschedule the presentation on CTYS, New Outlook for the next WT-HSJCC meeting.
- Domenica Dileo will connect with Police Service representatives on the committee.
- Committee members can email the contact information of any suggested members to Domenica Dileo.
- Domenica Dileo will inform the new WT-HSJCC that their nomination as Co-chairs was accepted unanimously by the committee.