

**CHAMPLAIN HUMAN SERVICES AND JUSTICE**  
**Coordinating Committee (HSJCC) Meeting Minutes**  
**Date: May 28, 2019**

<b>HSJCC Position</b>	<b>HSJCC Member</b>	<b>R</b>	
Regional Chair	Joan Garrow		x
Regional Vice-Chair	Justice Heather Perkins-McVey	x	
Regional Secretary	Natasha Kelly	x	

<b>LOCAL HSJCC Representative</b>	<b>Chair/Co-Chair/Delegate</b>	<b>R</b>	
Renfrew County	Cheryl Summers (via teleconference)	x	
SD&G/Prescott-Russell/Akwesasne	Johanne Renaud	x	
Ottawa			

<b>Justice</b>		<b>R</b>	
Federal Crown	Christa Record		x
Provincial Crown			
Duty Counsel	Jessica Adley		x
DCAO Defense Counsel	Sarah Starkie		x
Correctional Service Canada (MCSCS)	Tia Wilt		x
	Lucie Payant		x
Ottawa West Probation and Parole Services Area Manager	Megan Schell	x	
	Vicki Quesnel	x	
Ottawa West Probation and Parole Services Assistant Area Manager	Dave Fagan		x
Ottawa-Carleton Detention Centre	Francine Poulin (Cheryl Bass in place of)	x	
Ottawa Police Service	Holly Watson		x
Ottawa Police Service/OYJSN	Jessica Ripley	x	

<b>Ministry of the Attorney General</b>		<b>R</b>	
Crown Attorney	Marie Dufort (Adult)		x
	Dave Roberts (Youth)		x

<b>Health</b>		<b>R</b>	
The Ottawa Hospital	Mary Kelleher	x	
CMHA	Lisa St. Pierre	x	
Royal Ottawa Mental Health Centre	Jean-Laurent Domingue	x	
	Dr. Joel Watts		x
John Howard Society	Kelly Cardinal	x	
	Jan Goatcher		x
Elizabeth Fry Society	Raha Ravasian	x	
Montfort Renaissance	Charles-Etienne Legare-Rouleau	x	
Acquired Brain Injury – LHIN	Suzanne McKenna	x	
LHIN	Kevin Barclay		x
Valor & Solutions	Aisha Stambouli	x	
	Liz Kacew		x
Rideauwood	Andrew Mendes		x
CAMH	Leslie Wells	x	

Schizophrenia Society	Sheila Deighton		X
Salvation Army	Gordon Hudson (via teleconference)	X	
Mental Health Advocate	Sanjay Sharma	X	

Youth		R	
Youth Services Bureau	Melanie Bania		X
Youturn	Kathy Neff		X
Youth Now	Danielle Stang	X	

### 1.0 Call to Order, Introductions, Approval of Agenda & Additions

- Agenda approved as circulated.
- Sanjay Sharma was introduced as a person with lived experience, bio given.

### 2.0 Review and Approval of Previous Minutes: March 26, 2019

- Minutes approved as circulated.

#### 2.1 Business arising from minutes

##### a. Circulate Pre-Charge Diversion Pamphlets (J. Renaud)

- The program was developed with police services, but having difficulty getting police on board.
- The goal is to provide assistance to people instead of being charged. Police will screen clients and then send to CMHA to determine eligibility. Police will send the referral, the client will have to be met with within 7 days and then police are informed if the client attended the appointment. If the client does not attend it is up to the police to speak to them and give them a warning and the opportunity to not be charged. It is a voluntary program and the client has to decide to follow through with the program.
- The client must be 16 years old +; some parents get involved.
- Police are provided with some training as to what symptoms to look for.
- The program was also developed with the support of the crown attorneys.

##### b. List of Sub-Committees/Groups Available for Participation (J. Garrow)

- Some of the suggested sub-committees include:
  - Creating an orientation package
    - It would be a good way of defining our committee and who we want to be.
  - Program for animal care while in treatment
    - Pets are still being brought into drug treatment court and mental health court and has been highly successful and reduces stress level for everyone.
  - Education – looking for new members
  - Visioning exercise
- It was agreed that the first three will be concentrated on for now. It would be preferable to have the committees meet before the next HSJCC meeting to be able to present some structure. The first meeting should be to set framework and goals. **Action:** Justice Perkins-McVey will send an email for members to sign up.

##### c. Pets During Treatment (J. Garrow)

- A sub-committee will be formed and piloted to see what can be done and if there's a need for it.

**d. Abstract on Therapy Dog Program for Conference (J. Garrow/H. Perkins-McVey)**

- Completed and submitted.

**e. Collaborative Crisis Response Working Group Update**

- Trying to get a look at what's happening province wide, like needs. There is no funding as of yet. The second meeting is scheduled for June 7<sup>th</sup>, hoping data will be more complete. Focus will be Ontario. More to come.
- Update from Holly Watson:
  - I thank Joan Garrow for bringing this matter to my attention a few months ago. I in turn brought it to the attention of Jackie Rousseau from the Mobile Crisis Team. Initially, there was no representation from eastern Ontario, but we submitted a request to be part of the Working group and were accepted. Consequently, we had our first conference call on May 17. Questionnaires have been sent out across the province to either police services or Mobile Crisis Teams in jurisdictions across the province to determine what they have in place (if anything) as far as a Crisis Team. There are various models in operation across the province, so first steps are to determine whether there are areas that do not have any such services that should have something in place. We will be looking at best practices, training, etc. The next conference call is scheduled for June 7. We will likely take a turn hosting one of the meetings, so that Crisis Teams and Police Services closer to Ottawa will be able to attend.
- **Action:** Leave on as standing item.

**3.0 Presentation – Pre-Charge Diversion Program (J. Renaud)**

- Presentation was done at the beginning of the meeting.

**4.0 Documents, Minutes, Agendas on HSJCC Website (J. Renaud)**

- It was suggested that material from the regional committee be added to the provincial website.
- The SD&G/Prescott Russell/Akswesasne local committee has been adding their work plan, membership, agendas, and minutes to the provincial website.
- **Action:** Have regional work plan, minutes from last meeting and today's agenda added to the provincial website.

**5.0 Provincial Highlights (J. Garrow)**

- The CKE committee is looking for new members, please contact Joan if interested in joining. The commitment would be one hour monthly, done by phone.
- Please let Joan know if there are items to be submitted for the provincial newsletter.
- There were approximately 70 abstracts submitted for the conference, 30 will be selected. It is expected they will know early in June if accepted.
- There is a call for sponsors, please reach out to anyone who could provide sponsorship for the conference.
- The framework and tools have been approved by the two ministries (Health and Sol Gen) for the police-hospital transition project. There will be a forum to announce it June 3<sup>rd</sup>, co-hosted by

OHA/HSJCC/Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police/CMHA. After that date the framework and tools will be available on the website.

- There will be an upcoming webinar to introduce the navigational guide coming out of CMHA on Older Adults and Justice System project. The guide book will be on the website.
- Legal Aid Ontario noted that their funding has been significantly cut and they are unaware of the impact yet.

## **6.0 Roundtable**

### **CMHA (L. St. Pierre)**

- There is one staff person on leave due to concussion, plus one new person to take on the case load. The agency will be moving to a new building.

### **Valor & Solutions (A. Stambouli)**

- Erin Bell will be presenting next month on housing.

### **Royal Ottawa Hospital (J-L. Domingue)**

- The Geddes inquest recommendations are being reviewed and followed.
- There has been a big rise with the use of the bed registry to utilize open beds elsewhere.

### **Youth Now (D. Stang)**

- A new program has been developed using horses at the Youth Now farm. A garden has been started and is coming along. The farm helps with all services.

### **John Howard Society (K. Cardinal)**

- The main office will be moving to Carling Ave. Innovative ways and options will then be looked at to manage services.

### **Justice (H. Perkins-McVey)**

- It is a possibility that Mental Health Court could lose half a day to Indigenous Court. Other time options are being looked at. There will be another meeting to discuss best times and options. There will be more judges next fall.
- An early intervention court is being worked on through a pilot project, run through Rideauwood. It is an intensive program, meant to be simplified and meant to be an early intervention opportunity to receive services. It is currently at the sign-off stage. It will be up and running before Fall.

### **Acquired Brain Injury – LHIN (S. McKenna)**

- Brain Injury Awareness day is on June 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Presentations have been done on the provincial screener and education and the referral process.

### **Probation & Parole (M. Schell)**

- A MHC is in place in probation and parole which rotates between offices. Dr. Ward is currently the physician but she will finish in September and will therefore be recruiting for a new physician. A social worker was also lost, a 2 tiered system. Will recruit for social work services that is bilingual. Megan noted that she is willing to be involved in the Renfrew County probation and parole services as she supervises those areas. Megan will connect with Cheryl. There is a need for probation services in MHC as it is an important liaison.

**OCDL (C. Bass)**

- The facility has up to 7 social workers, 1 classification officer, 6 rehab officers, and a librarian now. Different programs are run in trailers on site. Dr. Wood provides services via OTN and Dr. Brathwaite attends the facility.

**SD&G/Prescott Russell/Akwesasne (J. Renaud)**

- The office moved to Hawkesbury due to flood damage; now sharing an office with John Howard.
- A request was made for funding from this table for training but was declined due to the conference this year. Funding was secured elsewhere.

**Person with Lived Experience (S. Sharma)**

- Sanjay is advocating for mental illness awareness. There is a need for paid people with lived experience as a support system.

**The Ottawa Hospital (M. Kelleher)**

- There have been lots of referrals through the crisis lines. Beds are full.

**7.0 Next Meeting: September 24, 2019, 12:00 p.m., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Crown's Boardroom**