

**CHAMPLAIN HUMAN SERVICES AND JUSTICE**  
**Coordinating Committee (HSJCC) Meeting Minutes**  
**Date: September 22, 2020**

<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	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	Susan Morris	x	
DCAO Defense Counsel			
Youth Probation	Adam Cameron (Tia Wilt in place of)	x	
Ottawa West Probation and Parole Services Area Manager	Megan Schell		x
Ottawa West Probation and Parole Services Assistant Area Manager	Vicki Quesnel	x	
Ottawa Carleton Detention Centre	Trent Running		x
Ottawa Police Service	Holly Watson	x	
Ottawa Police Service/OYJSN	Jessica Ripley	x	
Ontario Provincial Police	Cynthia Savard		x

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

<b>Health</b>		<b>R</b>	
The Ottawa Hospital	Mary Kelleher	x	
CMHA	Lisa St. Pierre		x
John Howard Society	Kelly Cardinal	x	
	Jan Goatcher	x	
Elizabeth Fry Society	Sarah Davis		x
Montfort Renaissance	Elisabeth Beach	x	
Acquired Brain Injury – LHIN	Suzanne McKenna	x	
LHIN	Kevin Barklay		x
Valor & Solutions	Aisha Stambouli		x
CAMH	Leslie Wells		x
Rideauwood	Colleen MacPhee	x	
Schizophrenia Society	Sheila Deighton		x
Salvation Army	Gordon Hudson		x
Mental Health Advocate	Sanjay Sharma	x	

Youth		R
Youth Services Bureau	Melanie Bania	X
Youturn	Marisa Moher	X
	Emilie Dubuc	X
Youth Now	Mark Arnold	X

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

- Agenda approved as circulated.

### 2.0 Review and Approval of Previous Minutes: May 19, 2020

- Minutes approved as circulated.
- Minutes to be posted on the Regional HSJCC website if no errors or omissions are brought forward.

#### 2.1 Review of Action Items from Minutes

- A working group was formed to establish a reintegration centre trailer and includes Lisa St. Pierre, Jan Goatcher, Probation and Parole (Megan Schell). Lisa will call the initial meeting. Jan will take back to John Howard and provide information at the next meeting.**
  - There are no new developments yet. Discussions are taking place at John Howard on various funding possibilities. The possibility of a van instead of a trailer is being explored. It was noted that this is on the work plan. Colleen MacPhee volunteered to join the working group.
- Add information sharing to the work plan.**
  - Completed, remove.

### 3.0 Presentation on Inner City Mobile Van (12:10, K. Van Herk)

- Kim Van Herk, RN, from Ottawa Inner City Health presented on the Telus mobile van which provides health care to the chronically homeless with both health and psychiatric health needs. The presentation is included with the minutes.

### 4.0 Collaborative Crisis Response Working Group (*standing item, H. Watson*)

- There is no news, it has sort of been broken away from a little bit. There is a working group working on the manual on how to set up a mental health or crisis unit. There is nothing the HSJCC committee can do at this point. Mary Kelleher expressed interest in joining this group; she will connect with Holly to discuss.

### 5.0 2021 Regional Work Plan – Review & Approval

- The executive committee which includes Cheryl Summers, Lisa St. Pierre, Johanne Renaud, Kelly Cardinal, Heather Perkins-McVey, Kristal Hennigar, have met and reviewed the work plan.
- Develop structured orientation manual - Lisa St. Pierre is taking the lead. Kelly Cardinal, Marie Dufort, and Mary Kelleher would like to join.
- The committee would like to get the education sub-committee going again. Jan Goatcher will take the lead.
- Please submit any suggestions or recommendations for presentations, etc. **Action:** Joan will reach out to Justice Perkins-McVey about who she had wanted to present next.

- HSJCC funds won't be spent on catering this year so it could be possible to invest further in other relevant endeavours. Courts are not resuming in person any time soon so therapy dogs are not going in to Mental Health Court at this time. **Action:** Marie Dufort would like to revisit this in November to see if courts are reopening or not.
- An idea like an internet café was discussed. Someplace like clients from drug treatment court can access services such as a telephone or internet. Some might benefit from more sustained support where they can safely, securely, and privately dial into court. The question was posed on if the HSJCC can contribute to the drug treatment court?
- Johanne Renaud asked for an update on where the red envelope committee was at as it was to begin again. Cheryl Summers stated that it has improved in the Renfrew County area but is not sure there was enough participation. Discharge planning and release from custody is more than just the red envelope and is especially important for those who live in further communities. There have been many issues in SD&G, lack of connection and who is doing what. Joan suggested that Johanne look at it locally first to see if it's a local issue or a regional issue. **Action:** Cheryl and Johanne will have a conversation off line to see where they need to be with it and will report back.
- There were no issues raised from any members so Joan will put it forward as the work plan for the year. The executive committee will continue to meet and will bring back to this group to continue to monitor its progress.

## 6.0 Response to COVID-19 (All)

- **J. Garrow has asked all attendees to submit responses to these three questions.**
  - **How is COVID-19 affecting service delivery in your region?**
  - **Is there any information that you would like to share that could help support the HSJCC Network during this time?**
  - **How can the HSJCC support you?**
    - **Mental Health Advocate (S. Sharma)**
      - It was noted that there's a prevalent feeling about being locked down again for those with mental health issues.
    - **Rideauwood (C. MacPhee)**
      - There has been a huge spike in referrals to the agency and it is anticipated it will increase. A group was formed for those who do not have the resources to connect virtually.
    - **Acquired Brain Injury –LHIN (S. McKenna)**
      - One of the pressing needs is for technology because everything has been virtual. There have been many crisis situations because of the isolation. There have been hospitalizations and no housing available.
    - **John Howard Society (J. Goatcher)**
      - The agency is still waiting for approval of a proposal for a Mental Health Worker at OCDC to continue with clients from inside to outside.
      - Residential programs are continuing with PPE and extra cleaning. Non-essential programs have been paused.
    - **The Royal Ottawa (J. Garrow)**
      - The hospital continues to move along and is trying to stay in tandem with the province. The C-PROMPT clinic has closed but the hospital is looking at opening

something similar. Discharge planning has been limited due to no overnight stays. Patients have been very restricted with no community privileges but the facility has remained COVID free. A lot of assessments are being done by OTN. That practice will be looked at to continue.

- **Probation and Parole (V. Quesnel)**
  - The agency was reduced to 30% capacity and increased in July to 50% with employees working one week at home and one week in the office. A new MSW has started in the Renfrew office to assist with mental health clients by telephone.
- **Duty Counsel (S. Morris)**
  - The courts are starting to open up for in person matters only for trials. Pleas and regular court appearances are being held by Zoom or teleconference. Legal aid continues to take applications and are available.
- **SD&G/Prescott-Russell/Akwesasne (J. Renaud)**
  - Meetings are still held on a quarterly basis via MSteam.
  - The minutes of our meetings including updates of our recurring items such as PR Situation Table, SDG situation table, PR Hoarding Response Coalition, SDG Hoarding Response Coalitions, work plans, information sharing and the information is saved on the HSJCC website. <https://hsjcc.on.ca/stormont- Dundas-glangarry-prescott-russell-akwesasne-local-hsjcc/>. If members of the regional committee are interested, the local committee has worked on a welcome letter for new members. It is also saved on the HSJCC website .
  - CMHA Champlain East has been providing virtual services and programming since March and since September 8<sup>th</sup> are offering limited access to office and face to face meetings to clients.
- **Renfrew County (C. Summers)**
  - Meetings are still being held locally. The biggest challenge is finding clients. Technology is a challenge for some. It is also a challenge for duty counsel connecting with clients while in custody. The office is reopening by appointment only.
- **Crown Attorney (M. Dufort)**
  - Mental Health Court has continued and are receiving more and more applications. The court will have resolved 40 cases in MHC between August and November with having full MHC days virtually. Clients have found it easier to have a specific time to log on virtually and it also eases anxiety.

#### **7.0 Provincial Highlights (*standing item, J. Garrow*)**

- The highlights will be included with the minutes. The provincial program is going through some personnel changes. 2021 would have been a conference year but recognize that it will be very unlikely to hold in person so will plan a virtual conference instead. There was discussion about reallocation of funds which will have to be used where it would have a direct client impact.

#### **8.0 Next Meeting: November 24, 2020, 12:00 p.m., via Zoom**