

CHAMPLAIN HUMAN SERVICES AND JUSTICE
Coordinating Committee (HSJCC) Meeting Minutes
Date: May 27, 2021

HSJCC Position	HSJCC Member	R	
Regional Chair	Jean-Laurent Domingue	x	
Regional Vice-Chair	Justice Heather Perkins-McVey	x	
Regional Secretary	Natasha Kelly	x	

LOCAL HSJCC Representative	Chair/Co-Chair/Delegate	R	
Renfrew County	Molly Fulton	x	
SD&G/Prescott-Russell/Akwesasne	Johanne Renaud	x	
Ottawa			

Justice		R	
Federal Crown	Jessica Hanna		x
Provincial Crown			
Duty Counsel	Susan Morris	x	
DCAO Defense Counsel			
Youth Probation	Adam Cameron		x
Ottawa West Probation and Parole Services Assistant Area Manager	Vicki Quesnel		x
Ottawa Carleton Detention Centre	Amber Mahoney	x	
Ottawa Police Service	Holly Watson		x
Ottawa Police Service/OYJSN	Jessica Ripley		x
Ontario Provincial Police	Cynthia Savard		x

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

Health		R	
The Ottawa Hospital	Mary Kelleher	x	
CMHA	Lisa St. Pierre	x	
John Howard Society	Kelly Cardinal		x
	Jan Goatcher	x	
Acquired Brain Injury – LHIN	Suzanne McKenna	x	
LHIN			
Valor & Solutions	Aisha Stambouli		x
CAMH	Leslie Wells		x
Rideauwood	Colleen MacPhee	x	
Salvation Army	Gordon Hudson		x
Fetal Alcohol Resource Program	Heather Lacey	x	
Mental Health Advocate	Sanjay Sharma		x
E Fry	Cathy Robinson		x

Youth		R	
Youth Services Bureau	Ryan McKay	x	
Youturn	Marisa Moher		x
Youth Now	Mark Arnold		x

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

- Agenda approved as circulated.
- **Action:** Natasha to follow up on current, active committee membership.

2.0 Review and Approval of Previous Minutes: March 25, 2021

- Minutes approved as circulated.

2.1 Review of Action Items from Minutes

- a. **K. Cardinal will follow up with Wendy McHenry and Laura Baker to see if there was any movement or meetings held and if there is anything the committee can assist with from a resource perspective for individuals attending court virtually. K. Cardinal to arrange a meeting with Laura Baker and the representative from the defense bar. Lisa St. Pierre, Colleen MacPhee, and Johanne Renaud (or designate) volunteered join.**
 - o **Action:** Jean-Laurent to have an online survey created, compile a list with details of accessibility, and send to the committee and defence counsel.

3.0 “AccessMHA (Regional Coordinated Access)” Presentation

- Dr. Kim Corace and Steve Vachon presented on the Regional Coordinated Access.

4.0 Closure of Youth Justice Facilities – Can This Committee Provide Assistance?

- No updates. Defer to next meeting.

5.0 2021 Regional Work Plan – Committee Reports

a. Orientation Package

- The committee has not met yet but will get it done for September. Molly Fulton will join in place of Cheryl Summers.

b. Education

- Not updates as the committee has not met since the last HSJCC meeting.

c. Animal Care While in Treatment

- The humane society takes pets for 10 days but looking for something longer, especially for treatment plans that last 30 days. Safe Pet Ottawa fosters animals for survivors and their children who need to exit from domestic violence into the safety of local violence against women shelters or into transitional housing support programs. They are currently trying to update their mandate to allow them to open up the program to those who are seeking treatment for substance abuse or mental health. They are willing to partner with this committee as soon as they receive approval for the update. The next step would be for the sub-committee to meet with Safe Pet Ottawa face-to-face as much as possible to pursue the partnership.
- Gord Hudson from Salvation Army has volunteered to take pets in an emergency situation at the Salvation Army transitional homes.

d. Mental Health First Aid

- The Royal’s Learning & Development team are finalizing training this month. It will be ready to deliver at a later time; it is hopeful that dates can be provided at the next meeting. The cost will be covered under the HSJCC budget.

e. Reintegration Trailer/Release from Custody Care Packages

- No trailer update as it has been put on hold during the pandemic.
- Release from custody care packages have been useful and should be sustained and discussed frequently. An idea was to revive the release from custody sub-committee to have ongoing discussions on care packages and transportation. It was noted that OCDC provides taxi chits to those charged in outlying areas and bus tickets to those charged in Ottawa regardless of where they live.

f. Innovative Ways to Support Individuals with More Barriers During the Pandemic

- Discussed above.

g. Renfrew County

- Mental Health Court is quite busy. A part-time employee has been hired along with the full-time employee.
- An iPad with data is being looked at to purchase to help clients with court and legal aid.
- There have been some issues with the release from custody program due to everything being held virtually/via Zoom and not returning to Renfrew County from OCDC.

h. SD&G/Prescott-Russell/Akwesasne

- Purchases for the post court project were all made (winter gear, boots, shoe laces, food cards, prepaid visas that could be used for cab fare as well as care packages that include full size personal hygiene products, cloth masks, hand sanitizer, etc). CMHA Champlain East is the contact but these are available to all HSJCC members.
- Updates from the Hoarding Response Coalitions of Prescott and Russell and SDG and Akwesasne: Johanne shared that along with making sure Coalitions are in place in SDG and A and PR, CMHA Champlain East staff are fulfilling their engagement of sharing knowledge in the community about hoarding issues and promoting how services from different sectors from their areas can better collaborate and individuals can receive help (Metro Boston Hoarding response training to 5 CMHA staff was sponsored by the local and regional HSJCC in 2019).
- Johanne, along with Annie Poirier Larocque (Hoarding response lead for CMHA CE) presented on the hoarding topic and the important role of the Coalitions to 30 Ontario municipal fire service safety officers on May 5 2021.
- Some fire safety officers asked to join the different Coalitions and will participate in the 10 steps to a safer, healthier, and more comfortable home distribution campaign to be held during fire prevention week (printing sponsored by the HSJCC).
- In SDG CMHA CE also organized and hosted 4 half day conference sessions in April sponsored by the City of Cornwall with great speakers and authors on hoarding intervention like Christiana Bratiotis, Centre for Collaborative Research on Hoarding, Gail Steketee and Jesse Edsell-Vetter. The event was very well attended.

6.0 Provincial Highlights (*standing item*)

- Provincial highlights were circulated to the committee members.

7.0 Roundtable

CMHA (L. St. Pierre)

- CMHA has an exciting new partnership with Probation. There will be a court outreach/case manager partnered with a peer worker. The case manager has been hired but the peer worker is still in the recruitment stage. Referrals will be taken directly from the central office for probation clients only.
- Two years ago one of the court outreach positions was converted to a systems navigator position with a higher rate of pay which unfortunately is not able to continue to be funded. A plan will have to be developed before the end of June on how to continue with the way things are currently being done. Letters of support are being requested.

8.0 Next Meeting: September 30, 2021, 12:00 p.m., via Zoom