



Regional Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee Minutes

Date: October 7, 2021

Co-Chairs

HSJCC Position	HSJCC Member	✓	R
Provincial Co-Chairs	Brian Merkley/Sarah Telford	✓	
	Justice Heather Perkins-McVey	✓	
Regional Secretary	Natasha Kelly	✓	

Local HSJCC Representatives

HSJCC	Chair, Co-chairs and Delegate	✓	R
Renfrew County	Molly Fulton (Marianne Bourgeois in place of)	✓	
SD&G/Prescott-Russell/Akwesasne	Johanne Renaud		R

Ministry/Justice Representatives

Ministry	Representative	✓	R
Federal Crown	Jessica Hanna		R
Provincial Crown			
Duty Counsel	Susan Morris	✓	
DCAO Defense Counsel			
Youth Probation	Adam Cameron		R
Ottawa West Probation and Parole Services Assistant Area Manager			
Ottawa Carleton Detention Centre	Amber Mahoney	✓	
Ottawa Police Service	Holly Watson	✓	
Ottawa Police Service/OYJSN	Jessica Ripley		R
Ontario Provincial Police	Cynthia Savard	✓	
Crown Attorney	Marie Dufort (Adult)		R
	(Youth)		R

Other Members	Representative	✓	R
The Ottawa Hospital	Mary Kelleher		R
CMHA	Lisa St. Pierre	✓	
John Howard Society	Kelly Cardinal		R
	Jan Goatcher	✓	
Home and Community Care Support Services Champlain	Suzanne McKenna	✓	
Ontario Health East (formerly LHIN)			
Valor & Solutions	Aisha Stamouli	✓	
CAMH	Leslie Wells		R
Rideauwood	Colleen McPhee	✓	
Salvation Army	Gordon Hudson	✓	
E Fry	Cathy Robinson		R
Youth Services Bureau	Ryan McKay	✓	
Youturn	Marisa Moher	✓	
Youth Now	Mark Arnold		R

Summary of Action items

1	<p><u>ACTION:</u> Jean-Laurent to have an online survey created for resources available to assist individuals attending court virtually, compile a list with details of accessibility, and send to the committee and defence counsel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Results to be brought to meeting in November.
2	<p><u>ACTION:</u> The transition from custody sub-committee to discuss issues and look at solutions with the closure of youth justice facilities. The closure of the youth justice facilities will be added as a standing item on the agenda.</p>
3	<p><u>ACTION:</u> Presentation in January on the opioid crisis to be confirmed at the meeting in November.</p>
4	<p><u>ACTION:</u> Jan Goatcher to put together a one-pager from FAM Network and send out to everyone. This is also an idea for a short presentation.</p>

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1) Welcome and Introductions	Introductions for new members or those sitting in took place.
2) Review and Approval of Previous Minutes of May 27, 2021	Minutes were approved as circulated.
3) Action Items	a) Jean-Laurent to have an online survey created for resources available to assist individuals attending court virtually, compile a list with details of accessibility, and send to the committee and defence counsel. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The individual compiling results from the survey has been away on leave. The survey will be re-sent to committee members to provide updated information. Results to be brought back to next meeting.
4) Closure of Youth Justice Facilities – Can This Committee Provide Assistance?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The numbers are really high. Ottawa has been at capacity at the open site for a number of weeks. As a result a number of youth offenders have had to be transported to Trenton. The effects of COVID and closures are starting to be seen. • The ministry does not allow in person visits for families. • The transition back into the community has been a challenge with barriers. Getting youth back home has also been a challenge. Action: The transition from custody sub-committee to discuss issues and look at solutions. Lisa St. Pierre volunteered to participate in this committee. • This topic to rise in priority level. Identify in a concrete way what the problems are and identify solutions that may be tenable from a local perspective with a view to seeing what can be done. Action: Add as a standing item to the agenda.
5) Youth Mental Health Court Update	Justice Perkins-McVey is in the process of scheduling a meeting. The youth mental health court has seen some changes with the crown attorney away on leave. Kyle Grant will be taking on the responsibility. They have not been running in a structured way during the pandemic. Justice Perkins-McVey is advocating on a regular basis for it to return to a structure way. Numbers have been down because cases are being dealt with in other ways. There are currently 5 active clients in the youth mental health court.
6) 2021 Regional Work Plan – Committee Reports	a) Orientation Package <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee met two weeks ago. A new manager in Learning and Development at CMHA will be developing a new web-based version of the orientation package and Lisa St. Pierre will bring it back for review.

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	<p>b) Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting was held a few weeks ago. The hope is to have someone from the ROH on the committee to help with the education piece. The focus will be on training for people on CBT basics. Sarah Telford will join the committee. • An important component to education is having speakers/presentations to provide information/education on programs in the community. It may be helpful to have a roster to schedule these informative sessions. Some ideas were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1Call1Click program hosted by CHEO serving the Champlain region for youth – young adults up to age 21 (for some services) – potential presentation for November (Colleen McPhee). ○ The opioid crisis - how COVID has exacerbated it and if there are barriers with the closure of certain facilities (Colleen McPhee/Gord Hudson/Holly Watson) to be presented in January. Wendy Muckle with Inner City Health was suggested to be included. Action: Presentation to be confirmed at the meeting in November. <p>c) Animal Care While in Treatment</p> <p>I. Jan and Justice Perkins-McVey to provide update on SafePet partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SafePet Ottawa, now called FAM Network, has received their funding to be able to support clients who need help placing their pets while in treatment. Action: Jan to put together a one-pager from FAM Network and send out to everyone. This is also an idea for a short presentation. <p>c) Mental Health First Aid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Health First Aid Training for HSJCC members has been secured for: <p>When: Monday, November 1st and Tuesday, November 2nd (2 day course) Time: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Where: The Royal, room #1424</p> <p>13 members can attend this two-day training in person.</p>

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	<p>d) Reintegration Trailer/Release from Custody Care Packages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Release from Custody is now the Transition from Custody committee. Surveys will be going out in the next month or so to gather information on how each area in Ontario is doing and where there could be improvements. Information will be brought back from that and will be looked at in the November meeting. Amber will join this committee. <p>e) Innovative Ways to Support Individuals with More Barriers During the Pandemic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a framework at JHS to assist those attending court with a chromebook at their offices. • Renfrew County has challenges with internet access and staffing to assist clients. An iPad and loaner phones were purchased for this purpose. • CMHA has been working to assist clients. • Shelters, community centres, and agencies have been supportive assisting clients attend court. It hasn't been as much of a challenge as it was in the beginning. <p>f) Renfrew County</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Health Court is a work in progress. The barrier has been getting a crown attorney in place permanently. The process and procedure is up for debate but MHC is in place. <p>g) SD&G/Prescott-Russell/Akwesasne</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This fall, the Prescott-Russell Hoarding Response Coalition is launching a new prevention and education campaign aimed at preventing and reducing the negative impacts of hoarding in the households of various municipalities in Prescott and Russell. <p>10 steps to a safer, healthier and more comfortable home</p> <p>A bilingual fact sheet called "10 Steps to a Safer, Healthier, More Comfortable Home" will be distributed to homes at the same time as the various fire departments conduct their regular fire prevention campaigns in their communities. With the help of a checklist, this sheet simply explains the various ways to prevent the risks of fire, unsanitary conditions and other dangers often associated with hoarding. The creation and printing of this fact sheet was made possible through the collaboration and financial support of the local HSJCC Stormont, Dundas, Glengarry, Prescott and Russell and Akwesasne, the Wellington Guelph Hoarding Network and the Canadian Mental Health Association Champlain East. (More info, documents, agreements</p>

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	<p>linked to the HSJCC website Prescott-Russell Hoarding Response Coalition – Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee – HSJCC)</p> <p>About the Coalition</p> <p>The Prescott-Russell Hoarding Response Coalition has been in existence since 2012. Members of this coalition come from various sectors such as mental health, municipal and social services. They work together to prevent negative consequences associated with hoarding such as fires and evictions. A collaborative approach that considers the mental health challenges of individuals has proven to be very effective in helping to maintain the housing and well-being of people affected by hoarding, their families and sometimes even their neighbors. Training, meetings, mutual aid and partnerships between members are part of the Collaborative Agreement of the Prescott-Russell Hoarding Response Coalition.</p> <p>For more information on the Coalition and the services that can help, please contact Johanne Renaud of CMHA CE - Coalition Co-Chair or Annie of CMHA CE - Intensive Case Manager and Coalition member at 1-800-493-8271.</p>
<p>7) Provincial Highlights</p>	<p>Provincial highlights were circulated to the committee.</p>
<p>8) Roundtable</p>	<p>CMHA (Lisa St. Pierre)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal submitted to the University of Ottawa to evaluate the court system navigator functions was accepted. Some partners may be contacted in relation to this. • A pilot project is being done with the Minister of the Solicitor General for a peer support program. A court outreach worker for those who are on probation was decided upon. • A candidate for the peer support worker position has not yet been found. Creating a training program to train someone to be a peer is being looked at, specifically someone with lived experience, experience with mental health and justice, and bilingual. <p>Justice (Justice Perkins-McVey)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specialized courts are not running except for Mental Health Court. A full day is being looked at due to the need but not there yet. • Drug treatment court continues to run with a dedicated zoom line. • Early Intervention Drug Treatment Court is for persons looking at a much shorter jail sentence but are often very high needs with significant addictions.

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	<p>Youth Services Bureau (Ryan McKay)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The agency has partnered with a pharmacy in Ottawa and youth that want it are being supplied with naloxone kits. Adults are also supplied with naloxone kits if they agree for it to be part of their property when leaving OCDC. • The trade centre is being pushed to youth to try to build skills and therefore be more employable. Working with the foundation is being done to get some training courses done and some certifications completed.
<p>9) Meeting Adjournment/Next Meeting: Thursday, November 25, 2021 from 12:00pm – 2:00pm via Zoom</p>	<p>Add to agenda – Consider resuming meetings in a hybrid format.</p>