



Regional Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee Minutes

Date: January 27, 2022

Co-Chairs

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

Local HSJCC Representatives

HSJCC	Chair, Co-chairs and Delegate	✓	R
Renfrew County	Molly Fulton	✓	
SD&G/Prescott-Russell/Akwesasne	Johanne Renaud	✓	

Ministry/Justice Representatives

Ministry	Representative	✓	R
Federal Crown	Jessica Hanna		R
Provincial Crown			
Duty Counsel	Susan Morris		R
DCAO Defense Counsel			
Youth Probation	Tia Wilt	✓	
Ottawa West Probation and Parole Services Assistant Area Manager			
Ottawa Carleton Detention Centre	Amber Mahoney	✓	
Ottawa Police Service	Dodd Tapp & Ian Hayes	✓	
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	✓	
	Jan Goatcher	✓	
Home and Community Care Support Services Champlain	Constance Coburn	✓	
Ontario Health East (formerly LHIN)			
Valor & Solutions	Aisha Stamouli	✓	
CAMH	Leslie Wells		R
Rideauwood	Colleen McPhee	✓	
Salvation Army	Gordon Hudson	✓	
E Fry	Cathy Robinson	✓	
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. • Due to the low number of responses members will follow up with different agencies and results will be compiled for next meeting. • L. St. Pierre will start a list and build on it as more information is received.
2	<p><u>ACTION:</u> Presentation in January on the opioid crisis to be confirmed at the meeting in November.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email reminder to be sent to Colleen MacPhee. • C. MacPhee will reach out to a physician at the Montfort hospital for a presentation on Recovery Care that was held for drug treatment court. Mark Barnes, pharmacist, was an idea for another potential presentation. Colleen will follow up on potential combo.
3	<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The one-pager has been developed but needs approval from the Board first before circulating.
4	<p><u>ACTION:</u> Lisa St. Pierre will present what has been done with the orientation package so far at the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee will be meeting the first week in February to look at the draft and will bring back to next meeting.
5	<p><u>ACTION:</u> Develop a standard care package to pilot and present the budget at the next meeting for approval. Cathy Robinson will organize a meeting in January and will include Lisa St. Pierre (or designate), Kelly Cardinal, Ryan McKay, and Amber Mahoney.</p>

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1) Welcome and Introductions	Introductions took place.
2) Review and Approval of Previous Minutes of November 25, 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"> • Results to be brought to meeting in November. • Due to the low number of responses members will follow up with different agencies and results will be compiled for next meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No updates, will bring back to next meeting. L. St. Pierre will start a list and build on it as more information is received.
	b) Presentation in January on the opioid crisis to be confirmed at the meeting in November (Colleen MacPhee/Gord Hudson/Holly Watson/Wendy Muckle). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email reminder to be sent to Colleen MacPhee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C. MacPhee will reach out to a physician at the Montfort hospital for a presentation on Recovery Care that was held for drug treatment court. Mark Barnes, pharmacist, was an idea for another potential presentation. Colleen will follow up on potential combo.
	c) 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The one-pager has been developed but needs approval from the Board first before circulating.

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	<p>d) Lisa St. Pierre will present what has been done with the orientation package so far at the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee will be meeting the first week in February to look at the draft and will bring back to next meeting.
	<p>e) Develop a standard care package to pilot and present the budget at the next meeting for approval. Cathy Robinson will organize a meeting in January and will include Lisa St. Pierre (or designate), Kelly Cardinal, Ryan McKay, and Amber Mahoney.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No updates.
4) Youth Updates	<p>Numbers in detention centers have decreased since the last meeting.</p> <p>No big change/updates in clients in the community. A lot of weapons charges and drug use.</p> <p>Probation staff is still working remotely, caseloads are staying steady. A new assistant probation manager will be onboarded in the coming weeks.</p> <p>Sexual offences seem to be trending upward, as well as an increase in use of substances. Human trafficking has also been an issue. Probation and mental court numbers have been slower.</p>
5) 2022 Regional Work Plan	<p>The 2022 work plan is due March 13th. Members are asked to provide feedback for the new plan to Brian and Sarah by the end of February. A working group consisting of Sarah Telford, Constance Coburn, Marissa Moher, Lisa St. Pierre, and Kelly Cardinal was created.</p>
6) Budget Surplus	<p>Some ideas on how to use the surplus were floated. Proposals/requests should be sent to Brian/Sarah and Natasha.</p>
7) 2021 Regional Work Plan – Committee Reports	<p>a) Orientation Package</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed above. <p>b) Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No updates. <p>c) Animal Care While in Treatment</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No updates. <p>d) Mental Health First Aid – Completed</p> <p>e) Release from Custody</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed above. <p>f) Innovative Ways to Support Individuals with More Barriers During the Pandemic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed above. <p>g) Renfrew County</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The local committee has purchased some phone cards, an iPad, and provided some training for committee members. • Referrals are steady. There are two court workers spending a lot of time in bail and mental health court. • There is a meeting scheduled next week with the Crown and other stakeholders to nail down the MHC procedure and will update at next meeting. <p>h) SD&G/Prescott-Russell/Akwesasne</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 2021-2022 Proposed Budget was reviewed. Every year we have access to \$7,000 from the HSJCC. From the work plan we see where the funds have been allocated and that's how we intend to redistribute those funds. We also have flexibility throughout the year so we can certainly move things around for initiatives that would to support our clients. We had some great local initiatives this year to support our clients throughout the pandemic that we will support again. Some of the highlights are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Client care packages were put together to help facilitate ease for clients to attend medical and legal appointments. Clients that benefited were very supportive and appreciated these, so we allocated for that again. ○ Provide assistance to clients in an Emergency Situation: Of the HSJCC SDG and PR and Akwesasne local membership who present themselves in an emergency situation and do not have resources to meet the emergency needs such as transportation, meal and seasonal appropriate clothing. ○ Training and professional development; also looked at training for hoarding response and attendance to the HSJCC Annual Conference. ○ The two areas of Hoarding Response Coalitions are maintained, active and meeting on a regular basis. ○ To do a review of Structure, Terms of Reference, local Mission and Values. Goals.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pay for the printing and distribute pamphlets and flyers “10 steps to a safer, healthier and more comfortable home” throughout the fire departments so they can then also distribute in residences as they do their yearly fire prevention campaigns. ● The January 6, 2022 meeting was cancelled and the next meeting will be March 3, 2022. ● For more info on these initiatives and our activities go to Stormont-Dundas-Glengarry-Prescott-Russell & Akwesasne Local HSJCC – Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee – HSJCC
8) Provincial Highlights	Provincial highlights were circulated to the committee.
9) Roundtable	<p>CMHA (Lisa St. Pierre)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● It has been crazy busy, the number of referrals being received is unattainable. ● A peer worker has been hired. ● CMHA is launching a recovery college offering some light course for clients to participate in. <p>John Howard Society (Jan Goatcher & Kelly Cardinal)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Food and security is huge as the cost of food soars and the social benefits has not gone up to match it. The agency received funding from Second Harvest food funding last year when they were able to do fresh fruit and vegetable delivery to clients who couldn't come in to the office but that funding finished in December so now they are really struggling. JSH has reapplied to Second Harvest but are still waiting to hear if they were accepted. ● There have been some COVID cases in some of the housing which is being dealt with and has been priority. ● The bail program has been extremely busy; the numbers are up. Most of the bail supervisors are still working from home to limit COVID exposure. <p>Home and Community Care Support Services Champlain (Suzanne McKenna)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Constance Coburn was introduced as the new Champlain System Navigator. Suzanne is providing some orientation over the coming weeks. ● A reminder that the root of many mental health issues could be an acquired brain injury. <p>Rideauwood (Colleen MacPhee)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rideauwood is receiving a lot of referrals and are more acute that would fall under the urgent need.

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	<p>Salvation Army (Gord Hudson)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Salvation Army is overwhelmed with the applications they are receiving for treatment at the moment, at the same time being in a lockdown. The lockdowns create an even larger backlog on the waiting list with disappointed individuals who then couldn't occupy the beds. <p>Youth Services Bureau (Ryan McKay)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> William Hay was in outbreak for about a month which meant any youth going into detention was going down to Ajax. Affordable housing is a big issue. Food and school being virtual also remains an issue with young people not engaging in school well online. There is now a youth mental health court day once a month done virtually. There are about ten referrals per month which is at about pre-COVID numbers. There is an increase in youth coming into the agency's care with either diagnosed or undiagnosed mental health issues. There are also a lot of addiction issues. <p>Youturn (Marissa Moher)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complex mental health mixed with addiction for the younger, developing youth is a big challenge in terms of delaying proper diagnosis and managing mental health symptoms with substance. Housing and group home access remains a huge issue. <p>The Royal Ottawa (Sarah Telford)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short staffing, client addictions and relapses remains an issue. Discharging clients from the inpatient units is also an issue due to COVID outbreaks. <p>Ottawa Police Service (Ian Hayes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are increased pressures and demands and a decrease in staffing due to COVID. There are four officers dedicated to mental health response and mobiles with the mobile crisis mental health team. The MERIT table has disbanded.

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10) Meeting Adjournment/Next Meeting: Thursday, March 31, 2022 from 12:00pm – 2:00pm via Zoom	Meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m.