



Regional Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee Minutes

Date: March 31, 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		R
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		R
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		R
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 Stambouli	✓	
CAMH	Leslie Wells		R
Rideauwood	Colleen McPhee	✓	
Salvation Army	Gordon Hudson		R
E Fry	Cathy Robinson	✓	
Youth Services Bureau	Ryan McKay	✓	
Youturn	Marisa Moher		R
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. • It would be helpful if everyone could send their information to L. St. Pierre to build on the list. She will also reach out to court officials to see if court appearances will be returning to in person in the near future.
2	<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. • Job description for the Person with Lived Experience to be added to the package. • L. St. Pierre will send everyone the link to the virtual orientation package to review and to provide feedback. A presentation will be done at the next meeting for the live version.
3	<p><u>ACTION:</u> J. Goatcher will reach out to the Ottawa Aboriginal Coalition to recruit an indigenous member once the orientation package is completed.</p>
4	<p><u>ACTION:</u> Red Bag Program to be added as a topic to the Release from Custody sub-committee.</p>

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Item for Discussion	Discussion
1) Welcome and Introductions	Introductions took place.
2) Review and Approval of Previous Minutes of January 27, 2022	Minutes were approved as circulated.
3) Presentation: Current state of opioid use and other substances in our region/province and update on recovery care	Donna Sarrazin, Managing Partner of Recovery Care, and Dr. Charles Breau presented on the current state of opioid use and other substances in the region.
4) Action Items	<p>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.</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. <p>No updates, the list is still being worked on. It would be helpful if everyone could send their information to Lisa. Lisa will also follow up Justice Perkins-McVey, Susan Morris, etc. to see if court appearances will be returning in person in the near future.</p>
	<p>b) 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>The development of the package is moving along and is close to being done. Lisa will send everyone the link to the virtual orientation package to review and to provide feedback. A presentation will be done at the next meeting for the live version.</p>
5) Youth Updates	There have been quite a few youth come through 1Call1Click to Rideauwood and Dave Smith for addictions and some with court issues.

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<p>6) 2022 Regional Work Plan</p>	<p>The regional work plan that was submitted to the provincial committee was reviewed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee is recruiting for a Person with Lived Experience. Job description to be added to the orientation package. • Remove the bullet “Delineate “core” vs “committee” members”. • Adding an indigenous member was suggested. Action: Jan will reach out to the Ottawa Aboriginal Coalition once the orientation package is completed.
<p>7) 2021 Regional Work Plan – Committee Reports</p>	<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 - Completed</p> <p>d) Mental Health First Aid – Completed</p> <p>e) Release from Custody</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed below. <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 work plan has been completed which will be circulated. • An ID clinic has been done for those transitioning out of custody back into the community. They have been supported in helping them getting birth certificates, health cards, etc. The clinic started about five weeks ago and so far 17 individuals have received some form of ID. The hope is to keep it going. <p>h) SD&G/Prescott-Russell/Akwesasne</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2022-2023 work plan has been completed and will be circulated.

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8) Provincial Highlights	Provincial highlights were circulated to the committee.
9) Roundtable	<p>Ottawa Carleton Detention Centre (Amber Mahoney)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are concerns regarding the Red Bag Program. The detention centre cannot send belongings if there is nobody to receive it. Each area has to have their own protocol and contact list in place. Amber is requesting contacts for those who would be receiving inmates' belongings in each jurisdiction. Action: Add topic to the Release from Custody sub-committee. • A second OTN system for Mental Health Court is being looked at. <p>The Royal Ottawa (Sarah Telford)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The units are dealing with a lot of drug use. • Staff recruitment has been challenging. <p>Ottawa Police Service (Dodd Tapp)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still waiting on what the city will decide on its mental health plan. The unit is in a stabilizing/holding pattern at the moment. • There is an average of 314 days waiting in hospitals for one police officer with mental health clients. Ways to navigate hospital wait time is being looked at, including looking at retired police officers. • Two officers are dedicated to all of the youth mental health calls. It has been a pilot project for almost two years and is going well. The officers do case conferences and liaise with Youth Mental Health Court and various agencies. The goal will be to try to establish it as a full-time permanent position. <p>Youth Services Bureau (Ryan McKay)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The secure custody site is at 90% capacity. • A lot of youth are being seen with weapons charges as well as complex mental health. • The biggest issue is housing when youth are released. <p>John Howard Society (Jan Howard & Kelly Cardinal)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The main office move is happening in August/September. The main office is currently being built with a residential program on site. • There will be a new housing location in the Fall primarily for indigenous women.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bail program is very busy at the moment. • A new model for bail is being looked at. With the location move workers will be out of the downtown core and out of the shelter core. Outreach bail appointments are being looked at as well as bail supervisors possibly going to the shelters or Centre 454 or other agencies who would be interested in housing workers for the afternoon. <p>Brain Injury System Navigator (Constance Coburn)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a long wait list, with upwards of two years to get into the program. • There is upwards of 10 years waiting for housing for brain-injured individuals. Proposals have been submitted for housing funding supported with behavioural therapists.
<p>10) Meeting Adjournment/Next Meeting: Thursday, May 26, 2022 from 12:00pm – 2:00pm via Zoom</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m.</p>