

PROVINCIAL HUMAN SERVICES AND JUSTICE
COORDINATING COMMITTEE

HOUSING AND JUSTICE FORUM

FEBRUARY 26, 2020



What is the HSJCC Network?

A network of committees established to coordinate resources and services for people with unique needs who have come into contact with the law

Who are the members of the HSJCC Network?

HSJCCs are voluntary collaborations made up of over 1,600 professionals from the human services and justice sectors

What do HSJCCs do?

Operating at a Local, Regional and Provincial level, HSJCCs provide education and training for their members, as well as coordinate care for individuals and work to address systemic issues

The Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee Network

The Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee (HSJCC) Network was established in 1997 in response to a recognized need in the province to coordinate resources and services, and plan more effectively for people who are in conflict with the law. Priority consideration is made for, but not limited to, people with a serious mental illness, developmental disability, acquired brain injury, substance use issues, and/or fetal alcohol spectrum disorder. The HSJCCs are a cooperative effort of the Ministries of the Attorney General, Children, Community and Social Services, Health and the Solicitor General.

Each HSJCC is a voluntary collaboration between social service organizations, community mental health and addictions organizations and partners from the justice sector. There are 14 Regional HSJCCs who work to improve the issues that impact clients regionally who require human services as they navigate through the criminal justice system. Over 30 Local HSJCCs provide education and training for their members, coordinate care for justice-involved individuals in their communities and provide input to regional committees.

The Provincial HSJCC functions as a planning body, supporting the individual and collective efforts of the Local and Regional HSJCCs. The Provincial HSJCC also identifies and addresses provincial service and policy issues, makes recommendations, and identifies system level solutions. Composed of regional members, representatives from the four supporting provincial ministries, and partner stakeholders, it is dedicated to education and training, provincial policy projects and system change initiatives.

To learn more about the HSJCC Network and explore the work that HSJCCs do, visit www.hsjcc.on.ca.

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AGENDA	TIME
ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION	9:00am - 9:45am
OPENING CEREMONY Jennefer Simo , Community Support Worker, Indigenous Community Advisory Panel (ICAP) Member, St. Michael's Hospital	9:45am - 10:00am
WELCOME ADDRESS Katie Almond , Provincial HSJCC Co-Chair Sara Dias , Provincial HSJCC Co-Chair	10:00am - 10:05am
SHARING A CLIENT STORY Pat Capponi , C.M., O. Ont., Mental Health Advocate	10:05am - 10:45am
KEYNOTE SPEAKER Dr. Tim Aubry , Faculty Research Chair in Community Mental Health and Homelessness, University of Ottawa	10:45am - 11:15am
MORNING BREAK	11:15am - 11:30am
HIGHLIGHTING KEY ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AND JUSTICE INVOLVED CLIENTS Jonathan Robart , Legal Program Developer, Centre of Research and Policy, John Howard Society of Ontario Alisha Salerno , Ph.D. Candidate, Psychology & Law, York University	11:30am - 12:00pm

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PANEL DISCUSSION: PROMISING PRACTICES IN SUPPORTIVE HOUSING Moderated by Adrienne Spafford , Chief Executive Officer, Addictions and Mental Health Ontario Alicia Beaudoin , Residential Coordinator / Property Manager, Enhanced Supportive Housing, Rita Thompson Residence, John Howard Society of Ottawa Jeff Morgan , Program Manager, Haley House, Peterborough Reintegration Services	12:30pm - 1:30pm
A DISCUSSION WITH THE ONTARIO MINISTRY OF HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION PROGRAMS BRANCH Miriam Johnston , Manager, Supportive Housing and Community Services Unit Mary Mannella , Manager, Forensic and Justice Unit	1:30pm - 2:00pm
AFTERNOON BREAK	2:00pm - 2:15pm
BREAKOUT SESSIONS: Options for Improving Supportive Housing for Justice Involved Individuals	2:15pm - 3:45pm
WRAP UP AND CLOSING REMARKS Katie Almond , Provincial HSJCC Co-Chair Sara Dias , Provincial HSJCC Co-Chair	3:45pm - 4:00pm

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Jennefer Simo

Community Support Worker, Indigenous Community Advisory Panel (ICAP) Member, St. Michael's Hospital

Jennefer Simo is a Community Support Worker at St. Michael's Hospital. As a frontline worker in the Emergency Department, she is familiar with police-hospital protocols, the Mobile Crisis Intervention Team (MCIT) program, police-community partnerships as well as the role of court services. Jennefer identifies as Indigenous and is a member of the Indigenous Community Advisory Panel for the United Health Toronto Network. Jennefer is an individual with lived experience both directly and indirectly, and she has family members who have experienced both addictions as well as mental health issues.



Katie Almond

Senior Program and Policy Advisor, Oversight and Accountability Unit, External Oversight and Compliance Branch, Operational Support Division, Ministry of the Solicitor General and Provincial HSJCC Co-Chair

Katie Almond has been working in the criminal justice system for 35 years, 31 of which have been as a Probation and Parole Officer with the Ministry of the Solicitor General. For 17 years, she has worked with a client population that is marked by poverty, homelessness, mental illness, physical and developmental disabilities, and polysubstance use. From October 2016 to January 2018, she was seconded to the Corrections Psychological Health Unit, working on mental strategies for both staff and clients.

During the course of her career, Katie has been involved in the development of extensive community networks and collaborative initiatives. She is the Co-Chair of both the Downtown Toronto, and Provincial Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committees. She is also a member of the Board of Sound Times Support Services; the Community Justice Court Initiative Committee; the Discharge from Court/Red Envelope Committee; the Client Mental Health Strategy/P&P committee; the CAMH Constituency Council; the Advisory Committee for the Criminal Justice and Developmental Disabilities Project; and the Acquired Brain Injury and Mental Health Advisory Committee.

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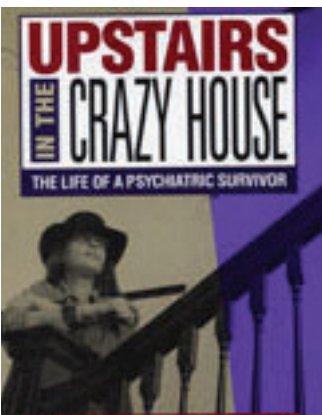


Sara Dias

Executive Director, Canadian Mental Health Association
Kenora Branch and Provincial HSJCC Co-Chair

Sara Dias is the Executive Director of the Canadian Mental Health Association, Kenora Branch. Sara has completed a Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Criminology and a Minor in Native Studies, as well as a Bachelor of Social Work and a Master of Social work, all from the University of Manitoba. She has also completed a Diploma in Health Care Management through the Ontario Hospital Association. Sara has been the Executive Director of the Canadian Mental Health Association, Kenora Branch since 2014.

Sara is the Co-Chair of the Kenora Rainy River District HSJCC, the Northwest Regional Centre of Responsibility and the Provincial HSJCC. Sara was appointed to the Kenora Police Services Board in 2018, and in 2019 she was appointed as their chair.



Pat Capponi

C.M., O. Ont., Mental Health Advocate

Pat Capponi, C.M., O.Ont. is a psychiatric survivor with lived experience of poverty and has been an active and engaged advocate for improved mental health care as well as poverty issues for well over three decades. Pat has served on the inaugural board of CAMH, and the Social Assistance Review Council, the Mental Health and Addictions Leadership Advisory Council to the Minister of Health, and the Income Support Reform Working group for the Ministry of Community and Social Services. Pat also served as co-chair of the Toronto Police Board sub-committee on mental health. She serves as a part time member of the Consent and Capacity Board, is the author of seven books, five non-fiction and two mysteries, and is a recipient of the Order of Canada, the Order of Ontario, the Queen's Jubilee and the Diamond Jubilee medals, and the Hincks Award from the Canadian Mental Health Association.

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Dr. Tim Aubry

Faculty Research Chair in Community Mental Health and Homelessness, University of Ottawa

Dr. Tim Aubry is a Full Professor in the School of Psychology and Senior Researcher at the Centre for Research on Educational and Community Services at the University of Ottawa. He is currently holder of the Faculty of Social Sciences Research Chair in Community Mental Health and Homelessness. Over the course of his career, Tim has collaborated on research projects with community organizations and government at all levels, contributing to the development of effective social programs and policies. He was a Member of the National Research Team and the Co-Lead of the Moncton site in At Home / Chez Soi Demonstration Project of the Mental Health Commission of Canada.

In 2013, he received the Contribution to Evaluation in Canada award from the Canadian Evaluation Society. He is a Fellow of the Canadian Psychological Association and the Society for Community Research and Action (Division 27 of the American Psychological Association). Tim is currently the Co-Chair of the EENET Ontario Housing First Regional Network Community of Interest. He teaches graduate courses at the University of Ottawa in community psychology and program evaluation.



Jonathan Robart

Legal Program Developer, Centre of Research and Policy, John Howard Society of Ontario

Jonathan Robart joined the Centre of Research and Policy, John Howard Society of Ontario in 2019 and is the project lead for the Centre's Unmet Civil Legal Needs Project. Jonathan holds a BA (hons) in Political Science and Early Modern Studies from the University of King's College, Halifax and a JD from Osgoode Hall Law School. Prior to joining the Centre, Jonathan practiced poverty law in Ontario's Community Legal Aid Clinic system with a focus on tenant's rights and eviction/homelessness prevention.

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Alisha Salerno

Ph.D. Candidate, Psychology & Law, York University

Alisha Salerno is currently completing her Ph.D. at York University in Psychology and Law. Alisha's research broadly focuses on mental health and the criminal justice system. Her dissertation work focuses on improving police response to Autism Spectrum Disorder. Alisha is also the co-founder of a not-for-profit organization for youth and adults with ASD.

Alisha's expertise offered a significant contribution to the work of the Housing, Health and Justice Community of Interest and greatly assisted in the development of the *Closed Quarters: Challenges and Opportunities in Stabilizing Housing and Mental Health Across the Justice Sector* report.



Adrienne Spafford

Chief Executive Officer, Addictions and Mental Health Ontario

Adrienne is a values-driven leader with 15 years of experience in public policy, advocacy, communications, and stakeholder relations. Passionate, focused, and collaborative, she is well-known among Ontario's health care sector for her commitment to quality and humanity in the delivery of care - nowhere more so than in the area of mental health and addictions.

Adrienne has a strong track record of success in senior public and corporate affairs roles and has worked in some of the most highly-regulated sectors in Ontario. Adrienne has held senior positions at the Ontario Long Term Care Association, Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation, the Ministry of Health, Infrastructure Ontario, and with a former Premier of Ontario. Adrienne began her career as a consultant for private sector clients on culture and gender diversity at Catalyst Canada, Inc.

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Alicia Beaudoin

Residential Coordinator / Property Manager, Enhanced Supportive Housing, Rita Thompson Residence, John Howard Society of Ottawa

Alicia Beaudoin is currently the residential coordinator of the Rita Thompson enhanced supportive housing residence through the John Howard Society of Ottawa. She has been involved with the program since its inception in 2015. With over a decade of experience working in the social work sector, specifically around homelessness in residential settings she brings her passion for harm reduction, mental health and addictions advocacy to her workplace. She is excited about the uptake of housing first initiatives and is looking forward to sharing the learnings gained through the launch of this pilot program.



Jeff Morgan

Program Manager, Haley House, Peterborough Reintegration Services

Jeff Morgan spent over 32 years with the Peterborough Police Service, with the last 14 being spent in Sex Crimes, Major Crime, and Behavioural Sciences (Violent Crime Analysis) and retired in 2015. While in Sex Crimes, Jeff met Dan Haley and became involved with the Peterborough Community Chaplaincy, Dan's organization, which supported high risk sex offenders being released into the community and continued to be involved with PCC until he became the Case Manager of Haley House in 2017. PCC rebranded to Peterborough Reintegration Services in 2018.

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Miriam Johnston

Manager, Supportive Housing and Community Services Unit, Ministry of Health

Miriam Johnston has been the Manager of the Supportive Housing and Community Services Unit in the Mental Health and Addiction Programs Branch of the Ministry of Health since 2009.

She leads a team that oversees supportive housing programs for those with serious mental health and addictions issues, those with HIV/AIDs, at-risk frail seniors, those with physical challenges, justice involved individuals with mental health and addictions issues and those with Acquired Brain Injury. She also oversees the Homes for Special Care (HSC) program and the modernized HSC program called Community Homes for Opportunity.

Mary Mannella

Manager, Forensic and Justice Unit, Ministry of Health

Mary Mannella is the Manager of the Forensic and Justice Unit in the Mental Health and Addiction Programs Branch of the Ministry of Health. Her key area of responsibility is program oversight for mental health and justice initiatives, including mobile crisis and safe bed services, mental health and justice supportive housing and post-court transition services. She also provides program oversight for specialized child and youth mental health programs, including secure treatment, Indigenous youth life promotion initiatives and the Tele-Mental Health Service. Mary has been in the Ontario public service for nineteen years and her career spans several areas including sexual exploitation, youth justice, community safety and adult correctional services.

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RESOURCES

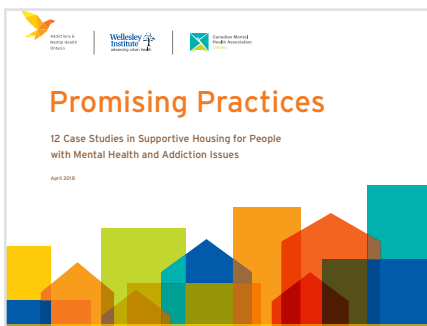


Closed Quarters

Challenges and Opportunities in Stabilizing Housing and Mental Health Across the Justice Sector

Closed Quarters, a report by the Housing, Health, and Justice Community of Interest, spells out the issues faced by people whose needs are at the intersection of housing, mental health, and justice system involvement, and also makes related recommendations.

To download the report, visit: www.eenet.ca/ClosedQuarters

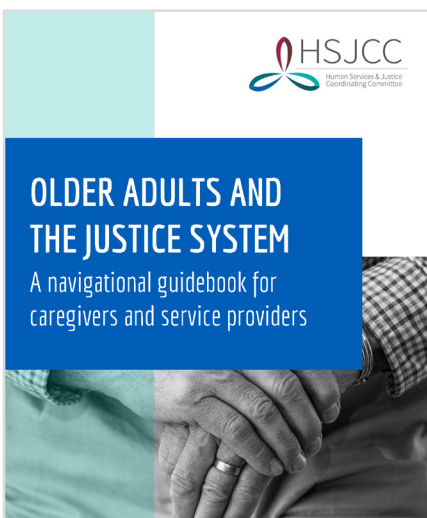


Promising Practices

12 Case Studies in Supportive Housing for People with Mental Health and Addiction Issues

Promising Practices: 12 Case Studies in Supportive Housing for People with Mental Health and Addiction Issues is a resource guide developed by Addictions and Mental Health Ontario, Canadian Mental Health Association Ontario and the Wellesley Institute. The guide shares the innovative ways that supportive housing providers across the province have overcome challenges and identifies three main areas for system reform.

To download the report, visit: amho.ca/promisingpractices



Older Adults and the Justice System

A navigational guidebook for caregivers and service providers

Older Adults and the Justice System: A navigational guidebook for caregivers and service providers was developed by the Provincial Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee with support from the Canadian Mental Health Association Ontario. The guidebook was informed through a series of consultations with experts from the human services and justice sectors. This resource outlines a variety of age-related conditions and presents strategies for working with or caring for these populations.

To download the guidebook, visit: hsjcc.on.ca/older-adults-and-the-justice-system

