

Agenda Items		Discussion/ ACTIONS and DECISIONS
<p>Chair: Trevor Tymchuk, Person With Lived Experience</p> <p>Attendance: Heather Gillespie (CMHA); Trevor Tymchuk; Laurel Mills (PERT and Sexual Assault at NHS) ; Jeffery Sinclair (NR Homelessness); Pauline Irving (Probation Officer; Youth); Sam Messier (John Howard); Christine Clark Lafleur (Port Cares); Marco Gianicco (NRPS); Brandy Sand (CMHA Niagara); Debbie Alder (CMHA Niagara); Leah Jeffery (Bethesda; will be leaving); Katryna McKenna (Bethesda; covering mat leave) ; Katrina Paradise (Niagara Detention Centre; SW) Kelly Stack (intake coordinator, BICR) Jon Braithwaite (Hope Centre); Marla Bannington () ;Lisa Ridsdill (Niagara Community Legal Clinic); Natonia Paul (Niagara Region Indigenous Friendship Centre) ; Karen Hodgson (Bethesda; will be taking over justice portfolio); Marla Banning (CAMH- provincial role);</p> <p>Regrets: P Niesink (CASON); Shawn Dowd (NRPS);</p>		
1.0	Welcome and Land Acknowledgement	Trevor offered a land acknowledgement honoring the indigenous people of this area. Noting that indigenous people are disproportionately represented in the justice sector; and acknowledging that reconciliation needs to take into consideration the impact of colonization on the criminal justice system and how it has treated indigenous peoples. Noted thanks to Niagara Region for providing the information about which peoples were here in what we now know as Niagara. Thanks for the context in HSJCC and why this matters today in the context of our work.
1.3	Introductions	Group took time to introduce themselves; Noting that Bethesda representation will be moving from Leah Jeffery to Karen Hodgson due to a portfolio change; NRPS representation has shifted as Linda Haday has retired; Superintendent Marco Gianico is attending today but will have other Virginia Moir (COAST, MCRRT) attend regularly moving forward.
2.0	Adoption of Agenda	Agenda was adopted with change in order as described by Trevor.
3.0	Approval of Minutes	Marla moved and Lisa seconded April 28 2021 minutes were approved as circulated.
4.0	Community Treatment Court	COVID has impacted court services as everything is now virtual and many cases have been deferred. Trying to catch up on back log and courts are booked until end of year. Crowns and CMHA staff have struggled to complete necessary documents required by judiciary prior to implementation of treatment court. Working toward another meeting to review draft documents in November. Judiciary is committed to implementing court and Crowns and CMHA staff working through capacity and timelines.
5.0	Honorarium for PWLE	Moved by Heather That this local HSJCC operate in alignment with the provincial HSJCC policy related to honoraria and mileage reimbursement for People with Lived Experience. Seconded by Debbie and carried by unanimous vote. Question: Is there a budget for this committee and what are the guiding Terms of Reference? There are Terms of Reference and HG will send link with minutes.

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		There is a budget allocated to regional HSJCC committees which then share with local committees. There are funds available to pay an honorarium for the PWLE and to pay for note taking during the meeting.
8.0	Future Meetings	
8.1	Topics	<p>HSJCC exist across the province as a network system to address needs of complex clients who come into contact with criminal justice system who also have complex needs related to mental health; addiction; developmental delay; fetal alcohol syndrome; brain injury; who are disadvantaged from a social determinant of health basis</p> <p>Some local HSJCC committees spend time reviewing a case situation that highlights barriers to individuals with complex needs with a view to discussing possible solutions and resolutions; other HSJCC's operate more like a Situation Table (North West is using this model) in real time presenting individuals with complex needs who are at risk of apprehension or arrest; this model requires more frequent meetings; large committee is narrowed to a more select group of providers who would be involved;</p> <p>Noted that situation table is already in operation and that this is not likely within the mandate of this committee to take on this role.</p> <p>Case reviews can also be brought forward for ideas and problem solving or suggestions for other services in response to a particular situation.</p> <p>Members are encouraged to bring forward other ideas to Trevor for inclusion on agendas moving forward.</p>
8.2	Presentations	<p>Research on impact of virtual court on individuals with complex needs; technology; people not showing up for court; anxiety; do we need to be advocating for in person court; not aware of any studies currently; likely is happening; MAG is doing some research; not sure if PWLE are included in this research; could this be on the agenda at the provincial level?; not sure if Legal Clinic would like other PWLE from other agencies; Lisa will ask if the survey can be shared with HSJCC members for consideration to share with our own clients</p> <p>Other HSJCC each meeting a committee member does a presentation on programs and services to highlight for other members;</p> <p>Marco shared that early July that Niagara Region has distributed Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan which is required under legislation; is on website; is a four year plan; steering committee; one goal is to expand situation tables within the Region; is there a connection between this committee and that plan; Trevor indicated that this committee was in fact</p>

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	<p>involved in the consultation process for the development of this plan; Michelle Johnson will be coming to the HSJCC to present on the plan; real value of the group coming together re services and resources and how to assist in supporting complex situations; knowledge of services and staying up to date is challenging</p> <p>Kelly Stack willing to do a presentation of BICR at next meeting 10 -15 minutes; does not need to be formal; opportunity to highlight perhaps lesser known services</p>
	<p>8.3 New Members Wondering about Probation and Parole representation for adults; Paula Irving shared the area manager used to participate; Jenn Girotti Quest Brandy Sand will reach out NHS represented by Laurel from PERT FE Native Friendship Centre; Natania can reach out to new court worker Amber</p>
	<p>8.4 Review/Revision of Work Plan 2021 22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All objectives were carried over, and a specific objective was added around COVID. Plan was submitted as a draft to allow for Member feedback given no meeting prior to submission. • This year’s objectives include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ To address housing barriers for those released from custody; re-engage a justice housing working group; not currently on HHAP committees; focus on shelter diversion work; prevention work group; this is a priority within a 10 year action plan; more release from custody; no one is holding a bed when a plan is needed; case this past week in jail for over a week because no beds available; not wanting to d/c on to the street; lots of work going on supported transitional housing, may need to establish working group to identify goals/objectives; Jeff Sinclair will discuss further with HHAP re whether or not this is something that HHAP will take on ✓ To improve outcomes for individuals involved in the Court System who have Mental Health and Addiction Issues ✓ Presentation on Coordinated Care Planning that speaks to privacy & information sharing; is there an interest >> in having a presentation ✓ To better communicate information about the needs of justice involved individuals through the GAIN Screening and Assessment Instruments; completed ✓ To sponsor Niagara HSJCC Members to attend Justice related training and conferences.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Assisting clients to overcome the barriers to service caused by the pandemic (ideas: phones, bus tickets); eligibility criteria for access to funds; how to distribute funds etc to agency members; red bag/envelope programs; grocery card/transportation pass; historically the committee has done this at end of FY with funds unspent; BS request goes through CMHA from committee; sleeping bags; hotel short stay; ✓ Katrina Paradise was reviewing notes from previous meetings; NDC doesn't have space to store items; NDC has been assisting with audio/virtual court; have been using Niagara Virtual Closet; clothing and shoes obtained prior to release; issue is that RFC individuals do not have means to return to pick up belongings not an issue during COVID; ✓ If RFC from court and belongings are at jail; individuals often don't have access to return to get their belongings; previous government was about to pilot a red bag program; was set aside when government changed; provincial HSJCC was told by Solicitor General program that there was support for this kind of support; hx was some resistance from institution; is this an item for the work plan? DA was moving ahead with Vanier then government stepped in and indicated that they were going to do a pilot which then sidelined our own initiative; Trevor to forward protocols; policies and paperwork to Katrina Paradise at NDC
9.0	Provincial HSJCC Conference	<p>Nov 16 – 17 2021 Virtual https://hsjccconference.ca/</p> <p>Potential funding for members to attend</p> <p>Trevor shared that occasionally funding for conferences goes to the Regional committee and sometimes to the local committee (i.e. Niagara); same pot of money; will be determined; conference this year is \$50 as it is virtual; 2 day conference; (\$75 for non-members who are not members of the committee); not yet publicized PWLE are able to attend for free; please contact the event planner will provide a registration code to waive fee; only condition if they need technical support then the agency will provide that access</p> <p>Trevor will share a copy of the registration so that registrants may select concurrent sessions</p> <p>Will be submitted either to Regional HSJCC or to CMHA care of Heather who will ensure that registrations are processed collectively through CMHA credit card and then invoiced</p>
10.0	Future Meeting Dates	<p>10.1 Frequency and Length of meetings</p> <p>Bi monthly meetings proposed; hx committee has met sporadically and is challenging to maintain momentum</p> <p>Acknowledge that timing of meetings is always challenging for large groups</p> <p>Are there universal times that are not ; courts meet in a.m. and therefore afternoon meetings are preferred;</p>
		<p>10.2 Next meeting September 22 1-3 Heather to send out meeting invite</p>