

Provincial Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: March 19, 2019

Co-Chairs, Policy Support, and HSJCC Secretariat

HSJCC Position	HSJCC Member		R
Provincial Co-Chairs	Katie Almond		R
	Sara Dias	✓	
Policy Support (CMHA Ontario)	Christine Conrad		
HSJCC Secretariat	Joseph Szamuhel, Project Manager	\checkmark	
	Tasha Rennie, Communications & Engagement Officer	\checkmark	
	Candace Vena, Network Coordinator		
Web Support & CKE Committee Chair	Trevor Tymchuk		

Regional HSJCC Representatives (Voting Members)

HSJCC	Chair, Co-chairs and Delegate	✓	R
Hamilton/Niagara/Brant/Haldimand/ Norfolk Regional	Trevor Tymchuk	~	
Champlain Regional	Joan Garrow	✓	
Durham Regional	Christina Morino	✓	
Haliburton/Kawartha Lakes/Pine Ridge Regional	Jonathan Hewitt	~	
Halton Regional	Francisco Truong	✓	
North East Regional	Kerri Jeanveau	\checkmark	
North West Regional	Mariah Maddock	\checkmark	
Peel Regional	Shelly Schneider	\checkmark	
Simcoe Muskoka Regional	Mary Martin	\checkmark	
	Jean-Marc Pelot	\checkmark	
South East Regional HSJCC	Todd Marriner	✓	
	Stacy Ison	✓	
South West Regional HSJCC	Noelle Brady		R
	Michele Murray Smith (morning)		
Toronto Regional HSJCC	Steve Lurie (afternoon)		
	Amber Kellen (afternoon)		
Waterloo-Wellington Regional HSJCC	Joan Nandlal		R
	Brooke Young		R
York-South Simcoe Regional HSJCC	Andria Allen	✓	

Ministry Representatives (Ex-Officio)

Ministry	Representative		R
Correctional Service Canada	Jennifer Gravelle	\checkmark	
Ministry of Children, Community and	Julie Erbland		R
Social Services (MCCSS)	Farlon Rogers	\checkmark	
	Stephanie Tousignant on behalf of Katherine Kolodziej	\checkmark	
Ministry of Community Safety and	Sue Khowessah	\checkmark	
Correctional Services (MCSCS)	Yoko Murphy	\checkmark	



	Anjelina Mattai		
Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care	Dianna Cochrane	\checkmark	
(MOHLTC)	Amy Herskowitz	~	
	Kaitlin Yousef		R
Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG)	Rebecca Law		R
	Eric Siebenmorgen	\checkmark	

Other Members (Ex-Officio)

Other Members	Representative		R
CMHA Ontario Division	Uppala Chandrasekera	\checkmark	
Local Health Integration Network (LHIN)	Mary Tasz		R
Representation			К
Community Networks of Specialized Care	Lisa Holmes	\checkmark	
ConnexOntario	Brad Davey	\checkmark	
Legal Aid Ontario	AJ Grant-Nicholson	\checkmark	
Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police	Bill Chantler	\checkmark	
Ontario Provincial Police	Lisa Longworth		R
	Julie Paddon		R
Forensic Directors Group	Michelle Davidson	\checkmark	
Centre for Addiction and Mental Health	Marla Banning		

Summary of Action items from 19 March 2019

1	The P-HSJCC Executive Committee will review the final draft of the 2019-2022 P-HSJCC work plan before submitting the final version to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.
2	The Secretariat will look into contacting a representative from the Information and Privacy Commissioner's Office to come and speak to the P-HSJCC on the Inter-ministerial Information Sharing Framework.
3	Uppala to send HSJCC network introductory submission packages on behalf of the P-HSJCC to the appropriate Ministers and ADMs after April 1 st . The appropriate P-HSJCC representatives will be copied on the respective emails.
4	The Secretariat will draft a letter outlining the HSJCC network's key messages and reiterate the importance of funding for our priority populations. The Secretariat will then circulate the letter to P-HSJCC members for feedback.



Minutes from P-HSJCC Meeting of March 19 th 2019				
Item for Discussion	Discussion			
1) Welcome and Introductions	Sara welcomed Elder Jimmy Dick to perform an opening ceremony.			
Opening Ceremony	• Sara welcomed P-HSJCC members to the March 19, 2019 meeting which was followed by a roundtable introductions.			
	There are 11 voting members present.			
2) Consent Agenda	The Provincial HSJCC membership reviewed the consent agenda for the meeting of March 19, 2019.			
	MOTION: Trevor motioned to approve the consent agenda, Mariah seconded.			
3) Amended Terms of Reference	• Candace reviewed the amendments to the Terms of Reference which outlines the eligibility and submission process for travel and accommodation expenses for P-HSJCC meetings.			
	MOTION: Joan Garrow motioned to approve the updated Terms of Reference, Todd seconded.			
4) Approval of P-HSJCC 2019-2020 Work plan	 The Secretariat reviewed the P-HSJCC 2019-2022 work planning process and ran through the new P-HSJCC work plan. The work plan is focused in three different areas: network support functions, knowledge exchange activities and provincial projects. 			
	Feedback from P-HSJCC:			
	 Joan G. wondered whether we could support up to 14 individuals so that one representative from every region could attend the PHSJCC 2019 conference. Secretariat to amend the work plan to reflect this within the budget. Todd asked for clarification on the knowledge exchange plan – Tasha noted that there is a template that has been developed. Secretariat is in the process of determining how we would like to release this report within the network 			
	 Uppala recently met with Ragaven S. – Director of Forensic Mental Health and Supportive Housing in MOHLTC. He noted that we do not need to be concerned with how our P-HSJCC work plan budget will be affected. 			
	MOTION: Joan G. motioned to approve the P-HSJCC 2019-2022 work plan, Trevor seconded.			
	ACTION: The P-HSJCC Executive Committee will review the final draft of the 2019-2022 P-HSJCC work plan before submitting the final version to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.			



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5) 2019-2020 HSJCC Work plans Update	 Candace provided an update on HSJCC network work planning for 2019-2020: 11 out of 14 regional HSJCCs have submitted their work plans as well as 25 local HSJCCs Chairs are encouraged to email Candace if they have any questions re: the work planning process and to email their work plans as soon as possible. 		
6) Housing, Health and Justice Col	Members from the Housing, Health and Justice CoI presented on their recent report Closed Quarters: Challenges and Opportunities in Stabilizing Housing and Mental Health Across the Justice Sector		
	Purpose:		
	 Illustrate intersections between housing, MH and justice systems to guide development of justice informed housing solutions for MHA justice involved individuals Articulate findings from Think Tank Day 		
	• Provide the government of Ontario with recommendations on how to best meet the needs of individuals with housing		
	 Challenges: There are various challenges for these individuals and their interactions during different stages of the justice system: police interaction, bail, incarceration and discharge. More physical health problems in correctional facilities – poses problems during discharge 		
	 Solutions: Report makes note of existing housing related programs / pre & post release housing advice and referrals that we could build a base on/ Existing policy frameworks that are still helpful and relevant to the current environment: Ontario Inter-Ministry Supportive Housing Policy Framework and National Housing Strategy 		
	 New opportunities within this provincial government: Canada-Ontario Accord (mental health and home care) + government promises 		
	 Recommendations (from Think Tank Day): 1) Allocate some of added supportive housing to justice involved individuals 2) Continue ODSP and OW longer during incarceration 3) Change policy/practice to reduce housing discrimination re: criminal records 		



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	 There was a discussion around what role the P-HSJCC take in leveraging this report: There may be opportunities in the local communities to identify where their needs currently are in terms of supportive and affordable housing This table might want to take a "cost savings" approach to advocacy when it comes to this government. We would be able to illustrate that keeping benefits while individuals are in custody actually saves money in the long run. It was noted that if we encourage this recommendation, we also need to address those who are hospitalized as well - there should be mention of the forensic system. There are also similar issues within the youth criminal justice system. It is difficult for homeless youth to get out of shelters and into housing due to discrimination – there is an over-reliance on incarceration for this population. For the housing forum, we may want to look at innovative housing programs such as dual diagnosis populations Another unique population we could address at the forum are aging populations who are not necessarily
7) Collaborative Crisis Response Models Provincial Working Group	 appropriate for long term care homes. Christine provided an overview and background on the Collaborative Crisis Response Models Provincial Working Group Project goals include creating a framework and toolkit for these models across the province The Working Group has sent out to survey to the HSJCC Network Next steps: Encouraged Regional HSJCCs to send in a response if they know of a team in their area and have not already completed the survey WG will be developing a framework/toolkit over summer 2019 Provincial HSJCC may be asked to endorse the framework/toolkit and advocate for provincial funding Members should email Christine with their questions
8) P-HSJCC 2019 Conference Sponsorships & Call for Abstracts	 This year we will not be able to ask for any sponsorships from our ministry partners due to the fiscal restraints within the new provincial government. We are hoping some of the ex-officio members will be able to share suggestions for new exhibitors or sponsorships for the conference. The call for abstracts has been extended until April 26th until after the budget drops. We are also working on editing the poster for the conference, using key buzz words - emphasizing the training benefits of the conference so that we can attract ministry representatives to attend.



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	• MOHLTC has already been advised there will be no funds for trainings or conferences so they will have to ask for complimentary registration.				
9) Issue Management: Information flow between MAG and MCSCS	• Christine provided background information on the issue management session as a follow up to Justice Cole's presentation to the PHSJCC in November.				
	Thoughts on next steps:				
	 Suggestions for training sessions to be held for court, probation and correctional officers on what information can be shared between MAG and MCSCS. 				
	 The NWCOR had legal counsel from the IPIC come in to discuss the framework that was developed on inter- ministerial information sharing. 				
	• Todd pointed out that it is often the organization's internal policies that put a red tape on information sharing rather than the law itself				
	 Amber suggested that we may want to look at recent Coroner's Inquests as there have been many recommendations that particularly speak to this issue between MAG AND MCSCS – there is a possibility to do some of this work in the future. 				
	• We could look into having someone from IPC come to present at a PHSJCC meeting or host a webinar on this topic.				
	ACTION: The Secretariat will look into contacting a representative from the Information and Privacy Commissioner's Office to come and speak to the P-HSJCC on the Inter-ministerial Information Sharing Framework.				
10) P-HSJCC Introductory Submission to New Government	Christine provided an overview of the introductory letter to the new government.				
Submission to New Government	Edits to the draft letter:				
	• Use "we" instead of "I".				
	Do not to include the co-chairs job titles in the signature.				
	 Mary suggested we changed the wording to reflect not just frontline staff and volunteers in the letter. There is a typo in "Minister" 				
	MOTION: Todd motioned to approve the letter, Mariah seconded.				



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			ntroductory submission packages on behalf of the P-HSJCC to the appropriate ropriate P-HSJCC representatives will be copied on the respective emails.		
11) Discussion: Health system transformation proposed by the People's Health Care Act	 Christine provided an overview of the proposed People's Health Care Act Mariah pointed to the fact that this new reform may further the health inequities in the north There are some concerns in the more populated areas as there will be no additional funding. Uppala wondered should we be creating some key messages that reiterates the importance of having our populations a priority. Mental health and justice funding is not always protected. Steve wondered whether we should be providing advice to the government – key messaging around interactions in the health system and justice system to ensure these funds are protected for our marginalized populations. There will be a new mental health strategy (6 pillars) released over the summer – consultations have been going on across the province. Justice could fit into any one of these pillars There may be an opportunity to get a new start with Ontario Health and show them how our network falls within their 6 pillars – get in at the ground level. ACTION: The Secretariat will draft a letter outlining the HSJCC network's key messages and reiterate the importance of funding for our priority populations. The Secretariat will then circulate the letter to P-HSJCC members for feedback.				
		HSJCC	CUpdates		
12) Updates from Regional	Regiona		atives (Voting Members) *PHSJCC Steering Committee Member		
HSJCCs and Partners	HSJCC	Person that provided update	Information Shared		
	HNBHN	Trevor	 Trying to reorganize the committee in terms of member engagement. There are a lot individuals attending meetings, however they are having issues with people volunteering to do the work and show up to commitments in between. 		
	Champlain	Joan	 Successes: Created work plan, reviewing ToR and in the process of creating an executive to help with some of the administrative work Challenges: over-attendance – individuals unsure of expectations, High justice engagement however it is a challenge to get technology Into the court house. 		



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			Working on getting more persons with lived experience to the table
	Durham	Christina	 Success: Offered 2-day mental health certificate training for HSJCC partners Challenges: counselling services are not available as much as they should be for those with MHA issues involved in the justice system Ongoing challenge with getting individuals to the table, particularly with ministry representatives, overtasked and not able to commit to subcommittee ongoing challenge of getting police to attend meetings, as well as those from hospitals
	HKPR	Jonathan	 Have a research day scheduled to review 3 specific research projects completed by Trent University in partnership with their HSJCC. Working on a tiny homes project. Can send research paper out to the group at the end of the month.
	North East	Kerri	 Success: completed work plan for new fiscal Challenges: attendance at meeting – trying to re-establish individuals to the HSJCC network SM local HSJCC is doing very well – have various subcommittees
	North West	Mariah	 Welcomed new Co-Chair Inspector Ryan Gibson Priority setting day in NWCOR at end of March – determine how they want to accomplish their work over the next year Having a day of learning on psychological stress and burnout in Workplace Successes: worked with Lakehead on research for the Thunder Bay Situation table Send out surveys at the end of their meetings for feedback from Members on what they felt went well and what they would like to see at future meetings
			 Kenora Rainy River District: Biggest issue in Kenora Rainy River District – will no longer be mobile



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			 Crisis teams in some areas of the NW as of April 1st Now have education partners at the table Better connection to the NWCOR On call health – CMHA uses this to support access to mental health Court diversion Haven't been able to engage with child welfare system in a meaningfu way 	l
	Peel	Shelly	 Navigation tool to support individuals with MHA in justice system will Be launched at the end of the month. Pre-charge diversion program with OPP Caledon pilot will be launchin Having a full engagement day offering workshop around their RAAC Clinics, presentation on FASD, outlining pathways to problem solving Courts 	g
	Simcoe Muskoka	Jean-Marc	 Submitted their work plan – 4 local projects this past year Regional subcommittee is preparing for their regional conference Going to be meeting with all 5 groups – having an evaluation about how they feel this new amalgamation is going There is renewed interest Simcoe Muskoka in joining their new network 	
	South East	Todd	 There has been a change over in chairs – Todd is currently the interim Chair Having a member engagement day in April Todd suggested maybe we look at inviting individuals who do not typically attend regional or local meetings to come and learn about The PHSJCC – can be reinvigorating for the Successes: Lanark has been able to secure a nurse to work with OPP detachment. Since then, they have hired two additional MH nurses. 	
	Toronto	Amber/Steve	 Challenges: Service Resolution Project – resource to situation Table on MH and justice issues. How do we now scale this up? COTA accessed money through TC LHIN – plan to allow for new Supportive housing to come on board. Waiting to hear from the 	



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			 Ministry about annualized funding for transitional housing and more permanent housing. West Toronto is struggling a bit in terms of member engagement – no longer a police officer attending. 			
	York South Simcoe		 They now have a new Co-Chair who is a Crown Attorney Currently in the process of revising their Terms of Reference. Asking If anyone can share a best practices template. Just found out that there is a new program for older populations who have dementia and other conditions who are charged with DV offence Have a good group of individuals that communicate regularly, but Only about 10 people attending meetings. 			
	Ministry Representatives (Ex-Officio)					
	-	Person that gave update	Information Shared			
	MCSCS – Public Safety Division	Anjelina	 Community safety and wellbeing colleagues presented at Inter-ministerial director's working group recently. There will now be more webinars scheduled on this. Can send dates over to Secretariat to share with the group. 			
	MOHLTC – Forensic Mental Health	Amy	 Release from custody CoP have been asking for access to GAIN Q3 Assessment tool- looking to see if they can apply it to populations being released from correctional facilities Wanted to acknowledge the success of the embedded crown project With MAG. 51 division police have stronger relationships with Community organizations 			
	Other Members (Ex-Officio) *PHSJCC Steering Committee Member					
	Other Members	Person that gave update	Information Shared			
	Legal Aid Ontario	A.J.	 Clarified services for substitute decision makers = eligible persons Updated mental health legal services online 			



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	Community Networks of Specialized Care	Lisa	 Been doing a lot of work with DD populations to get them diverted From criminal justice system and get the supports they need. Developed a great relationship with federal institutions in the Kingston area – a lot of discharge planning. Also doing some trainings within the facilities on developmental disabilities. 		
	CSC	Jennifer	 Will be able to send delegates to the PHSJCC conference Trevor to follow up with Jennifer about the possibility of CSC Sponsoring the conference. 		
	Forensic Directors Group	Michele	Change in leadership – two new co-chairs		
	САМН	Marla	 Youth screening court for addictions and mental – had success rolling out across further communities 		
11) Meeting adjournment	The Secretariat to send out an evaluation survey for this meeting. The next Provincial HSJCC meeting will be held on May 21 st , 2019.				
Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 21, 2010, 9:30am-2:30pm					
Location: 180 Dundas St. W, 19th floor boardroom	The Provincial HSJCC meeting of March 19 th , 2019 adjourned at approximately 1:40pm.				