

P-HSJCC Biweekly Updates Meeting Highlights

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PROVINCIAL HSJCC UPDATES

- The P-HSJCC has been convening on a biweekly basis to ensure ongoing communications, information sharing and updates from our network as we continue to respond to the evolving pandemic.

Updates from the HSJCC Secretariat

- The P-HSJCC has made a **third submission** to our partner ministries highlighting the impact of **COVID-19 on the HSJCC Network**.
 - The most [recent letter](#) included a recap of our previous submissions as well as the **impact of court closures** on our network.
- The Ontario Association of Interval and Transition Houses (OAITH) has expressed several concerns around the **increased risk of domestic violence** and lack of safety planning and support for women during COVID-19.
 - The HSJCC Secretariat circulated a survey to Regional Representatives for their feedback on these emerging issues. Survey results were shared with the P-HSJCC for further discussion and feedback.
- As part of their work around mental health and justice, the **Mental Health Commission of Canada is looking to create a national inventory of reintegration and transition supports**.
 - Members that may know of any existing release from custody/reintegration resources are encouraged to contact the [Secretariat](#).

Roundtable Updates re: The Impact of COVID-19 across the HSJCC Network

- To help facilitate our discussions, members were asked the following questions:
 - **How is COVID-19 affecting service delivery in your region?**
 - **Is there any information that you would like to share that could help support the HSJCC Network during this time?**
 - **How can the PHSJCC + Secretariat support you?**
- The next P-HSJCC submission will focus on **the heightened risk to domestic violence during COVID-19** and offer some practical solutions to address system issues.
 - Some of these issues will include addressing **gaps in communication between systems** and identifying the need for **a provincial tracking system** to measure emerging domestic violence rates.

IMPORTANT ACTION ITEMS:

- The Secretariat will draft a letter for submission to our partner ministers highlighting the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on service delivery across the HSJCC Network. The letter will be circulated to voting members for feedback before submission.