

## P-HSJCC Biweekly Updates Meeting Highlights

June 9, 2020

### PROVINCIAL HSJCC UPDATES

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- Since March, 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 Secretariat has drafted a **letter with key questions** from the HSJCC Network in response to the **memos released by SolGen** on changes to release from correctional institutions during COVID-19.
  - Members were encouraged to review the letter and provide any feedback or additional questions to the Secretariat by end of day June 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### 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?
- Release from custody and improper release planning continues to a pressing issue identified by regions across the network.
- CMHA Ontario has been informed that many **insurance companies have added exclusionary language to their policies** related to pandemics and infectious diseases.
  - Members were encouraged to look into their organizations' insurance policies to see if this is impacting other agencies outside of health care.
- The P-HSJCC has decided to forego a submission to partner ministries following this meeting.
  - The P-HSJCC will continue to monitor emerging issues across our network through P-HSJCC Biweekly Updates Meetings.

#### IMPORTANT ACTION ITEMS:

- Members were asked to send any additional questions to the Secretariat that they would like to include in the letter to SolGen. The Secretariat will then send the final letter to SolGen.
- The Secretariat will share information about changes to organizations' insurance policies that would exclude the current pandemic and other global diseases to the P-HSJCC.
  - Members are asked to review their organizations' insurance policy to determine whether this issue impacts the community justice sectors in addition to the health care sector.