

P-HSJCC Monthly Updates Meeting Highlights

October 27, 2020

PROVINCIAL HSJCC UPDATES

- Since August, the P-HSJCC has been convening on a monthly basis to ensure ongoing communications, information sharing and updates from our network as we continue to respond to the evolving COVID-19 pandemic.

Updates from the HSJCC Secretariat:

- The P-HSJCC consent agenda included updates from the Secretariat including the following:
 - P-HSJCC 2020-2021 Financial Update
 - Reallocation of P-HSJCC Discretionary Funds to Regional HSJCCs
 - P-HSJCC 2020 Fall Budget Submission
 - 2021 Specialized Courts Forum Planning Update
 - P-HSJCC 2021 Conference Planning Update
 - Cannabis and Drug Treatment Court Project
 - Communications and Knowledge Exchange (CKE) Committee Update
 - Engaging Persons with Lived Experience Advisory Committee Update
 - Mobile Crisis Response Teams Provincial Working Group Update

P-HSJCC Networks Approach to Address Anti-Racism:

- The Secretariat provided an overview on the issue of Anti-Racism across the human services and justice sectors that was originally raised by the Halton Regional HSJCC.
- The P-HSJCC held a discussion on some of the **approaches HSJCCs and community partners have taken to address anti-racism** within their communities, especially within the current context of COVID-19.
- P-HSJCC members agreed that the table should be engaging with key stakeholders such as the Black Legal Action Clinic, Aboriginal Legal Services and other community-based organizations who are leaders in this work. The Provincial HSJCC would like to develop a **strategy to address anti-racism** across the HSJCC Network.

Release from Custody Issues -Provincial Community of Practice

- The Secretariat provided an overview of **release from custody issues**, particularly those that have been exacerbated by COVID-19, including lack of discharge planning, access to supportive housing and transportation, especially in First Nation Communities.
- The Secretariat proposed the HSJCC network begin a **Provincial Community of Practice** to provide members with an opportunity to come together to raise issues within their regions, share best practices, and determine how the Provincial HSJCC can best support this work moving forward.

Updates from Regional HSJCC and Partners

- The Secretariat asked P-HSJCC members to provide updates on the following:
 - **Operational changes and developments of Drug Treatment Courts (DTCs)** in their region. Updates will help inform an updated environmental scan on drug treatment courts and other specialized courts across the province. Members are encouraged to email Jean Hopkins at jhopkins@ontario.cmha.ca with any updates.

➤ Their preference for the **frequency and length of future P-HSJCC meetings**. The P-HSJCC members reached consensus on continuing to have **monthly 90-minute meetings via Zoom**.

IMPORTANT ACTION ITEMS:

- The Secretariat will conduct a scan of anti-racism approaches and strategies across the human services and justice sectors and begin to reach out to key stakeholders to engage in these conversations for the November P-HSJCC meeting. .
- The Secretariat will send out a call out through the HSJCC mailing list for members interested in joining a Provincial Community of Practice on Release from Custody committee.
- The Secretariat will send ongoing 90-minute monthly P-HSJCC meeting invites to members. The P-HSJCC will skip the month of December due to the holiday season and proceed with a January 2021 meeting.