

P-HSJCC Monthly Updates Meeting Highlights

January 26, 2021

PROVINCIAL HSJCC UPDATES

- The P-HSJCC continues to convene on a monthly basis to ensure ongoing communications, information sharing and updates from our network as we respond to the evolving COVID-19 pandemic.

Updates from the Secretariat:

- Please see attached document for updates on P-HSJCC provincial projects and network support functions.

Update on Call out for Community of Practice:

- The Secretariat provided an update on the P-HSJCC Release from Custody Community of Practice (CoP).
 - The Ministry of Health has led a CoP by the same name for several years. To avoid any confusion, the P-HSJCC will be changing the name of the CoP at their first scheduled meeting on **February 1st, 2021**.
 - HSJCC members who would like to learn more, or may be interested in joining the CoP are encouraged to contact [Christine Conrad](#).

Updates to the Provincial HSJCC Terms of Reference

- The Secretariat provided an update on proposed changes to the **Provincial HSJCC Terms of Reference**:
 - The quote which referenced the **Ontario Patients First Act** does not align with the actual legislation, but rather references a news article. This sentence has been rephrased to reflect the mandate of the legislation.
 - The section on Advisory Committees has been edited to provide clarity on the differences between P-HSJCC standing committees and ad hoc project advisory committees.

2021-2022 Work Planning Cycle for the HSJCC Network

- The Secretariat provided a brief reminder to Regional and Local HSJCCs to submit their annual work plans to the [Secretariat](#) by **March 1, 2021**.
 - Regional and Local HSJCCs will now be required to submit their updated **membership lists** as part of the annual reporting process.
- The Secretariat will be drafting the **2021-2022 P-HSJCC workplan** for discussion at the February 2021 P-HSJCC meeting.
 - Since the P-HSJCC is in its final year of the 3-year cycle, the Secretariat will be conducting a network priority setting exercise in the fall of 2021 to inform the **2022-2025 P-HSJCC workplan**.

P-HSJCC 2021 Pre-Budget Submission

- The P-HSJCC will be making a pre-budget submission to the Ontario government to inform the 2021-2022 budget.

- The pre-budget submission will **highlight key priorities for the network, dedicated areas for investment and request an increase to the HSJCC Network’s annualized funding.**
- The Secretariat will share a draft of the prebudget submission with voting members for their feedback and approval before **submission on February 12th.**

P-HSJCC Response to Rollout of COVID-19 Vaccine with Correctional Institutions

- As Ontario prepares for phase two of the COVID-19 immunization program, it is unclear whether individuals in correctional facilities will be eligible to receive vaccinations.
 - The P-HSJCC is concerned that vulnerable clients living in high-risk correctional institutions will not be included in phase two of the rollout, and that individuals who are being released from custody may contribute to community spread.
 - The P-HSJCC would like to draft a submission to the government and Public Health Ontario on this issue.

IMPORTANT ACTION ITEMS:

- The Secretariat to update background section of the P-HSJCC Terms of Reference.
- The Secretariat to update the **February 23, 2021 P-HSJCC Monthly Updates Meeting** invitation time to reflect two hours in length.
- The Secretariat to draft the 2021 P-HSJCC pre-budget submission for review by voting members before submission on **February 12, 2021.**
- The Secretariat to draft a submission to government in response to distribution of COVID-19 vaccines within correctional Institutions.

Updates from the Secretariat

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P-HSJCC 2020-2021 Financial Update

The P-HSJCC 2020-2021 Q3 budget totals have been included in the meeting package.

Reallocation of P-HSJCC Discretionary Funds to Regional HSJCCs

The P-HSJCC has confirmed that \$24,500 in discretionary funds will be reallocated to the 14 Regional HSJCCs. This amounts to \$1,750.00 per region and must be used for direct client impact only. Regional HSJCCs are required to submit an invoice for reimbursement as provided by the Secretariat. Regions who wish to decline the additional funds are asked to email the [Secretariat](#) as soon as possible so that funds can be reallocated accordingly.

Advisory Committee Updates

P-HSJCC 2021 Conference Planning Committee

The HSJCC Conference Planning Committee met for the first time in December 2020. The group confirmed the conference dates for November 16 – 17, 2021. They also discussed the name and theme for the conference. The committee has selected the name *Community Justice: Transforming Practices in a New World*. A save-the-date has been developed and will be released to the network mailing list shortly.

Communications and Knowledge Exchange (CKE) Committee

The CKE Committee developed a webinar topic survey to inform webinar planning for the next year. This survey was shared with the network in early January. The committee will be reviewing the results and discussing potential topics for future webinars at the next meeting.

Engaging Persons with Lived Experience Advisory Committee

The PWLE Advisory Committee released two surveys on the current level of engagement of persons with lived experience in the HSJCC Network. The committee has been reviewing these results and discussing next steps at recent meetings. The committee has agreed to hold focus groups with HSJCC members who identify as persons with lived experience in order to gain a more comprehensive understanding of their experiences. The committee will also begin to develop a guidebook to help committees improve the meaningful engagement of PWLE in their work.

P-HSJCC Anti-Racism Committee

The P-HSJCC Anti-Racism Standing Committee will have their first meeting on Thursday January 28th. The first meeting will provide members with overall introductions, an overview of the background purpose of the committee and preliminary discussions on developing Terms of Reference.

Provincial Projects Update

2021 Specialized Courts Forum Planning Update

Planning for the P-HSJCC Virtual Specialized Courts Forum is well underway. The two-day event on March 9th and 10th will feature a number of exciting speakers and panelists including Justice Kofi Barnes, Co-Founder of Canada's Drug Treatment Court and Chief Justice Pamela Williams of Nova Scotia's problem-solving courts. An agenda along with registration will be sent out to the HSJCC Network by February 1st.

P-HSJCC members who may know of or work with persons of lived experience of these courts are encouraged to share the save the date flyer with these individuals. Honoraria will be provided for their time and participation.

Cannabis and Drug Treatment Court Project Update

Since October 2020, the core research team has established and consulted with an advisory committee, developed draft research materials and is in the process of submitting their application to John Howard Society's Research Ethics Board for approval. The core team is looking to connect with key contacts that work in Ontario's drug treatment courts to assist in creating and facilitating connections between the research team and clientele from the program. This will include assisting clients with a package that includes consent forms, honoraria, and surveys.

Survivors of Homicide Victims and Mental Health Project Update

In collaboration with CMHA Ontario, the Centre of Research and Innovation of Black Survivors of Homicide Victims (The CRIB) and the P-HSJCC, the Survivors of Homicide Victims and Mental Health project engages surviving family members and friends of victims of homicide violence as well as service providers across the province, with the goal of informing research and innovations in culturally and linguistically responsive best practices.

In December 2020, the team conducted virtual interviews and focus groups with service providers as phase one of the project. The team is currently in the second phase of the project, interviewing surviving family members and friends of victims of homicide violence. A research summary report based on the focus group interviews is expected to be produced in February 2021, followed by a provincial policy forum.