

P-HSJCC Bi-Monthly Updates Meeting Highlights

May 18, 2021

PROVINCIAL HSJCC UPDATES

- Shawn Chirrey, Interim Director of Public Policy for CMHA Ontario shared information about the new Junior Analyst position within the HSJCC Secretariat.

ACTION: The Secretariat will circulate the live posting through the HSJCC Network once it is made available.

- The P-HSJCC discussed potential amendments to the background section of the **P-HSJCC Terms of Reference** with a focus on which categories should be included for consideration of priority populations.

ACTION: The Secretariat will summarize feedback from the discussion and propose some updated language for consideration.

- The P-HSJCC approved the newly developed [P-HSJCC Honoraria Policy](#) which provides an overview of the purpose, definitions, eligibility, and payment rates for engaging persons with lived experience at the Provincial level.
 - Although the policy was specifically developed for the Provincial HSJCC, it will serve as a helpful template for Regional and Local HSJCCs as they aim to improve the engagement of persons with lived experience in their committee's work.

Updates from the Secretariat:

- Please see attached document for updates on P-HSJCC provincial projects and network support functions.
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Consultation with MCCSS Youth Justice Services Division re: Closure of Youth Justice Centres

- As a follow up to the P-HSJCC's recent submission on the closure of youth justice centres, Assistant Deputy Minister David Mitchell (MCCSS) attended the P-HSJCC meeting to further address some of the questions raised by the HSJCC Network.
- The P-HSJCC will continue to work with MCCSS to best serve youth with complex needs that are involved in the justice system.

Discussion re: SolGen's Proposed Regulatory Amendments – Changes to the Correctional Services Act:

- The Ministry of the Solicitor General is looking for [public feedback](#) on the proposed regulatory changes to the **Correctional Services Act** related to:
 - Segregation
 - Discipline and misconduct of persons in custody
 - Mandatory Training
- The P-HSJCC discussed key messages they would like to be included in a submission.

ACTION: The Secretariat to make a submission on behalf of the P-HSJCC by the deadline **May 25, 2021**.

Discussion re: SolGen's Proposed Regulation – Community Safety and Well-Being Plans:

- The Ministry of the Solicitor General is requesting [public feedback](#) on a proposed regulation related to a review and revision period for community safety and well-being plans.

ACTION: The Secretariat will make a submission on behalf of the P-HSJCC based on the feedback by the deadline **June 7, 2021**.

Mental Health Commission of Canada Presentation on Mental Health and Justice Priorities:

- Amy Fogarty and Katie Ellis from the Mental Health Commission of Canada presented to the P-HSJCC on their recent mental health and justice deliverables, as well as shared their new priorities for the year ahead.
- The P-HSJCC identified potential areas for future engagement and collaboration within MHCC's work.

Useful Links:

- The Mental Health Needs of Justice-Involved Persons – Infographic:
<https://www.mentalhealthcommission.ca/English/media/4474>
- The Mental Health Needs of Justice-Involved Persons A Rapid Scoping Review of the Literature:
<https://www.mentalhealthcommission.ca/English/media/4415>

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Advisory Committee Updates

P-HSJCC 2021 Conference Planning Committee

The Conference Planning Committee has been meeting on a regular basis discuss the planning of the Virtual HSJCC Conference on November 16-17, 2021. The committee approved the conference design materials and abstract streams, and a Call for Abstracts was put out to the network. The deadline for abstract submissions was May 10, and members can expect the results notification on June 1.

Engaging Persons with Lived Experience (PWLE) Advisory Committee

The PWLE Advisory Committee continues to meet on a regular basis to move their project work forward. The group is working to develop a guidebook containing strategies and resources that Local and Regional HSJCCs can use to improve the engagement of PWLE in their work. The committee will move to a bimonthly meeting schedule beginning in June.

P-HSJCC Anti-Racism Committee

The P-HSJCC Anti-Racism Committee has been convening monthly to finalize their Terms of Reference and identify potential future areas of work. The committee is currently developing a survey to be sent out to Regional and Local HSJCCs which will identify the various needs of committees to addressing anti-racism efforts across the network.

P-HSJCC Transition from Custody Network

The HSJCC Transition from Custody Network voted on a new name at their meeting on May 3. Members discussed late releases from correctional institutions, as well as how to utilize available funds from the P-HSJCC. The Network meets monthly to discuss concerns and develop solutions and will be utilizing the HSJCC's online forum going forward.

For more information, please contact Christine Conrad at cconrad@ontario.cmha.ca.

P-HSJCC Project Updates

Survivors of Homicide Victims and Mental Health Forum

On April 27 and April 30, the Centre for Research and Innovation for Black Survivors of Homicide Victims (The CRIB) and the Canadian Mental Health Association, Ontario (CMHA Ontario) hosted the Survivors of Homicide Victims and Mental Health Virtual Forum in partnership with the Provincial HSJCC. This two-day event provided an opportunity to learn

about the innovative project led by the CRIB and CMHA Ontario designed to explore the impact of homicide on the mental health and well-being of Indigenous, African, Caribbean, and Black, and Racialized survivors of homicide victims.

The events brought together incredible speakers, panelists and educators to share their lived experiences, insights and knowledge gained through service provision and academic research. The Knowledge Exchange Forum on April 27 provided a learning opportunity for participants to engage in the provision of culturally-responsive care. The Public Policy Forum on April 30 brought together survivors and service providers for insightful discussions culminating in the development of policy recommendations to enhance culturally-conscious continuity of care.

P-HSJCC Regional and Local Annual Reports 2020-2021

This is a reminder for Regional and Local HSJCCs to begin work on their **Annual Reports** for the **2020-2021 fiscal year**. As per reporting requirements, completed work plans are due to the Secretariat by **June 15, 2021**.

Annual Reports include details on the key outcomes of committee activities for the past fiscal year (**April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021**). The Secretariat collates these Annual Reports and submits them to the MOH **June 30th, 2021**.

For those who need assistance completing their annual reports, please feel free to contact afairbairn@ontario.cmha.ca directly with any questions. It is also encouraged that you reference the Secretariat's webinar on reporting which includes a download of the most recent HSJCC reporting template <https://hsjcc.on.ca/hsjcc-network-reporting-process/>.