

P-HSJCC Meeting Highlights

November 23, 2021

PROVINCIAL HSJCC UPDATES

Updates from the Secretariat:

- Please see attached document for updates on P-HSJCC provincial projects and network support functions.
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P-HSJCC Financial Update & Reallocation of Discretionary Funds:

The Secretariat presented a financial update and reminder of the reallocation of P-HSJCC discretionary funds for 2021-2022:

- The P-HSJCC has **discretionary funds from its budget** available due to the impact of the pandemic and inability to convene in person meetings this fiscal year. The P-HSJCC has decided to reallocate these funds back down to Regional and Local committees to be used for direct client impact.
- **Each region will be offered \$1415.00.** If committees wish to decline the funds, they are asked that they notify the Secretariat by December 1st, 2021. If committees wish to decline, the P-HSJCC will reallocate these funds evenly to committees who have indicated they are accepting the funds.

HSJCC Network 2022-2025 Priority Setting:

The Secretariat led members through the HSJCC priority setting process for the new 2022-2025 P-HSJCC work planning cycle:

- The Provincial HSJCC's work plan will be informed by the priorities identified by the members of the Regional and Local HSJCCs, Ministry partners, provincial partners, people with lived experience as well as other important stakeholders working with the HSJCC Network.
- **Regional HSJCC Chairs** to add the **Priority Setting Exercise** to one of their meeting agendas between now and December.
- **Ministry partners, ex-officio organization and other key stakeholder agencies** are asked to consult with their members between now and December.
- **People with lived experience involved in a committee or community of practice** are encouraged to provide their feedback. Regional and Local Chairs are encouraged to offer any support and assistance with completing the survey. An honorarium will be provided for their time and feedback.

All survey responses are to be submitted by **December 15, 2021.** For more information about the work plan development process, please contact [Candace Vena](#).

Issue Management Session: Transfer of Care to Schedule 1 Facilities

Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) representatives Lisa Longworth and Chantal Dupuis presented on **Patient Transportation and Security** as a follow up to previous discussions around issues re: **transfer of care to schedule 1 facilities in rural areas of the province** at the July P-HSJCC meeting.

- OPP confirmed based on key stakeholder feedback that the transfer of patients to Schedule 1 facilities, along with patient security, are the most significant issues related to police-hospital transitions across Ontario in rural communities.
- Discussions around potential opportunities to address these issues included examining existing decision-making trees and policies to assist with local partnerships, expanding the MHAT Regional Trials across all of Ontario and improved collaboration with First Nations communities.

ACTION: Members agreed this is a complex issue that requires further discussion. Secretariat to table as an item for discussion at a future P-HSJCC meeting.

Overview of Results from HSJCC Transition from Custody Network Late Releases Survey:

Co-Chair Jan Goatcher from the Transition from Custody Network and the Secretariat provided an overview of the preliminary results of the Late Releases Survey and next steps:

Highlights from Demographics:

- **93 Total Survey Responses** (includes service providers, family members or friends, and people with lived experience)
- Survey respondents represented **27 of the 34 Ontario Public Health Units**
- Releases from **all 25 provincial correctional institutions** were represented in the survey.

Key Themes:

- Preliminary findings suggests that there is an issue of **late releases** that contributes to **negative outcomes**.
- Many key essential services close after 5pm and individuals who experience a late release have **limited access to services**
- The issue of **eligibility** relates to an additional service **barrier** for justice-involved populations.
- There is a **varying quality of discharge planning** with a need for more “realistic” supports or meeting clients where they’re at.

Next Steps:

- Continued analysis of survey results
- Further engagement & interpretation of survey results with the Transition from Custody Network and Survey Respondents
- Report to the Ministry of the Solicitor General and Ministry of the Attorney General
- Continued communication and collaboration with ministry partners and survey respondents

P-HSJCC Release of *Guidelines for Enhancing the Engagement of People with Lived Experience Across the HSJCC Network*

- Guidebook was officially released on November 22nd. This was sent to all Local and Regional HSJCCs, shared on social and is now on the HSJCC website for download.
- The PWLE Committee's next steps include a P-HSJCC webinar, follow up with co-chairs/committee visits and evaluation.

Actions for Regional and Local Chairs:

- Review guidebook
- Share with committee members
- Schedule time at a future meeting to discuss committee's goals
- Develop action plan for improving the engagement of people with lived experience

For more information, or to request guidance from the Secretariat, please contact [Tasha Rennie](#).

Updates from the Secretariat

P-HSJCC Meeting of November 23, 2021

P-HSJCC Financial Update

Projected Q3 Budget Totals are included in the meeting package. At the November P-HSJCC meeting, the Secretariat will provide a reminder on the use of P-HSJCC discretionary funds for 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Advisory Committee Updates

P-HSJCC 2021 Conference Planning Committee

The P-HSJCC hosted its biennial conference on November 16 and 17, 2021. This was the P-HSJCC's first ever virtual conference and included two days of engaging and informative speakers and presentations.

Those who registered for the conference will have access to the platform for up to six months, where they will find all of the recordings and an opportunity connect with attendees. The Secretariat is encouraging P-HSJCC members who attended the conference to please complete the evaluation surveys as they assist us in future improvements to knowledge exchange events for the network.

A full evaluation report, as well as highlights from the P-HSJCC Conference will be shared with the network over the coming months. Thank you to all involved in both the planning and attendance at our conference – we hope you enjoyed it!

Engaging Persons with Lived Experience (PWLE) Advisory Committee

The PWLE Advisory has produced a new resource, **Guidelines for Enhancing the Engagement of People with Lived Experience Across the HSJCC Network**.

This guidebook was developed to provide guidance to Local and Regional HSJCCs on engaging people with lived experience in a meaningful way. It contains resources and tools to help committees develop a comprehensive strategy to attract new members, provide orientation, address accessibility and equity concerns, provide compensation and support, and address privacy and confidentiality concerns.

The guidebook will be released in late November and will be distributed directly to Local and Regional Co-Chairs and Provincial HSJCC members. The PWLE Advisory Committee will be presenting an overview of the Guidebook at the P-HSJCC 2021 Virtual Conference in advance of its release.

Anti-Racism Committee

The P-HSJCC Anti-Racism Advisory Committee is currently in a transition period and are in the process of recruiting new co-chairs. Once new leadership is in place, the committee will reconvene to revisit their anticipated activities for the year ahead.

Community of Practice Update

HSJCC Transition from Custody Network

The HSJCC Transition from Custody Network has been meeting on a regular basis to discuss issues impacting individuals leaving provincial corrections. The Network, in partnership with the Ministry of the Solicitor General, developed a survey regarding late releases from correctional facilities that was distributed to people recently released from custody, their family members and friends, and service providers supporting this population. The survey closed on November 5 and a brief overview of the results will be presented at the November P-HSJCC Meeting. Further analysis, engagement, and a discussion on next steps will be facilitated at the December Transition from Custody Network meeting.

The Transition from Custody Network recently voted on the use of funds that were earmarked by the P-HSJCC for that Network. The Transition from Custody Network decided to distribute funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 to support the Prisoner Emergency Support Fund, which provides financial support to individuals and their families across Ontario re-entering the community.

HSJCC Consultations and Submissions

HSJCC Secretariat Quarterly Meeting with SolGen Correctional Services Division ADMs

The HSJCC Secretariat had their quarterly meeting with ADMs from Operational Support, Community Services and Modernization Divisions of the Ministry of the Solicitor General on November 9, 2021. ADM David Mitchell from the Youth Justice Division of MCCSS also joined the meeting.

The Secretariat updated the ADMs on the following items:

- HSJCC Transition from Custody Network's Late Releases Survey Results
- P-HSJCC Priority Setting Exercise
- P-HSJCC Submission on Changes to Regulation 778 re: Searches
- Provincial HSJCC Virtual Conference November 2021

The group will meet again in late January 2022.