

## P-HSJCC Meeting Highlights

September 20, 2022

### PROVINCIAL HSJCC UPDATES

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#### 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 Secretariat Announcements:

- The Secretariat announced the promotion of former P-HSJCC Secretariat Project Manager **Candace Vena** to the newly created role of **Director of Justice Policy**. Candace will continue to lead the Secretariat team and support the work of the P-HSJCC.
- The Secretariat welcomed the newest member of the P-HSJCC Secretariat, **Community Reintegration Coordinator Snehal Jambhale**. Snehal will be providing support to the **Community Reintegration Planning Tables (CRPT)** partnership with the **Ministry of the Solicitor General**.

#### Ministry of Solicitor General Community Reintegration Planning Tables Partnership with P-HSJCC

- The Secretariat to share internal communications with P-HSJCC members in the near future.

#### Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) Framework and Toolkit and Public Policy Forum:

- Secretariat Policy Analyst **Erin Paquette** provided an update on behalf of CMHA Ontario and the **Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)** regarding the **Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT)** Framework and Toolkits:
  - The Mobile Crisis Response Teams Framework and Toolkit were finalized in **August 2022** and are ready for launch.
  - The Secretariat is working with CMHA Ontario Communications team on the development of a communications strategy and package.
  - The Secretariat, **OPP, P-HSJCC Co-Chairs, Ministry of Health, and Ministry of the Solicitor** will be convening to discuss the plan for launch of the resources and public policy forum that will follow.

### P-HSJCC Engaging People with Lived Experience Project Update:

- The Secretariat presented an update on **Engaging People with Lived Experience (PWLE) project updates and discussion on future priorities.**
  - P-HSJCC members shared their support for the creation of an orientation package for the network, with PWLE specific resources as top priority for future work including:
    - Webinar Series
    - Connection opportunities for PWLE Members
    - Improving communication with PWLE members
    - Collect first-person stories
    - Long-term evaluation plan

**MOTION:** Motion to support PWLE Advisory Committee future priorities approved by voting members.

### P-HSJCC Future Meetings:

- The Secretariat led a discussion regarding the format of future P-HSJCC meetings:
  - Currently there are funds set aside in the budget for P-HSJCC in person and/or hybrid meetings for **January and March of 2023**. Aside from this fiscal, the P-HSJCC will need to have a preliminary discussion as to the overall approach to P-HSJCC meetings moving forward.
  - P-HSJCC members are supportive of virtual meetings for the remainder of fiscal, however the P-HSJCC will explore the possibility of an annual hybrid approach for the **May 2023** meeting.

**MOTION:** Motion to support virtual P-HSJCC meetings for the remainder of the **2022-2023 fiscal year** was carried by P-HSJCC voting members through by a show of hands function on the Zoom virtual platform.

### ACTION ITEMS:

- The Secretariat to scope out the feasibility of hosting one annual hybrid model P-HSJCC meeting during the **P-HSJCC 2023-24 budget fiscal year.**

## ***Updates from the Secretariat***

**P-HSJCC Meeting of September 20, 2022**

### **P-HSJCC Financial Update**

Q2 projected P-HSJCC budget totals have been included in the meeting package.

### **Advisory Committee Updates**

#### ***2023 P-HSJCC Conference Planning Committee***

The 2023 P-HSJCC Conference Planning Committee last met on **August 23** to confirm the dates of the conference which was agreed upon by members to be held **Wednesday November 15<sup>th</sup> – November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, virtually**. The committee also discussed potential names and themes for the conference based on survey results from the 2021 P-HSCC Conference.

#### ***Communications and Knowledge Exchange (CKE) Committee***

The CKE Committee last met on **August 29** to discuss its ongoing work, including webinar planning for the coming months. This discussion included planning for a future Virtual Networking Session focused on access to technology and virtual courts.

#### ***HSJCC Marketing and Branding Update***

Over the summer, the Secretariat has been working with a marketing and graphic design firm to facilitate a series of strategy sessions that will inform the development of new branded materials. A small working group of HSJCC members was convened to participate in four sessions. In early September, a summary report was produced, and the Secretariat will be moving forward with the marketing firm to complete a series of branded materials, including several graphics, a letterhead, a PowerPoint template, and a new brochure. Once completed, these materials will be distributed to the Local and Regional Committee chairs to support their activities.

#### ***Anti-Racism Advisory Committee***

The Anti-Racism Advisory Committee has divided its work into three main working groups focusing on our priority areas:

- The development of a provincial framework for the HSJCC network
- Increased knowledge exchange and training opportunities and,
- Improved member engagement of Black, Indigenous, and racialized populations within the HSJCC Network

The Lead for Framework Working Group will be providing an update on their work including the development of focus group questions, roles and responsibilities and a draft call out memo for focus group Community Connectors at the **September 15<sup>th</sup>** Anti-Racism Advisory Committee meeting. If there are any questions, or individuals interested in participating in this important work, please contact Andrew Fairbairn at [afairbairn@ontario.cmha.ca](mailto:afairbairn@ontario.cmha.ca).

## **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.

During a meeting with the Community of Practice in June, there was discussion of the Discharge from Distant Court Protocol. Members of the Transition from Custody Network raised concerns related to consistent coordination to ensure access to medication and prescriptions for those being released from custody, awareness, and support for existing programs as well as the need for a standardized process to ensure that property is returned to individuals when they are released from custody. At the August meeting, that discussion continued and the HSJCC Secretariat confirmed that ministry-partners from SOLGEN will be attending the October 2022 meeting to discuss the questions raised by the Network.

In August 2022, the HSJCC Secretariat began work on a survey with feedback from the Transition from Custody Network. The purpose of the survey is to explore the unique needs of individuals involved in the justice system who require housing supports. The results of the survey will be useful for our network and ministry partners to demonstrate best practice models and support for our priority populations.

### **Cannabis and Drug Treatment Court Project Update**

The Cannabis and Drug Treatment Court (DTC) Research Team is currently working alongside the Project Advisory Committee to plan a public policy forum scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup>. The forum intends to bring together those working in DTCs, policy makers and people with lived experience to share the results from the community-based research project, highlighting the impact of cannabis use on DTC participants' mental health and discuss options to improve DTCs and the broader criminal justice system. A save the date flyer was sent to the HSJCC Network for Wednesday October 19<sup>th</sup>. More details on the forum including an agenda and registration will be coming soon.