

P-HSJCC Meeting Highlights

January 17, 2023

PROVINCIAL HSJCC UPDATES

Updates from the Secretariat:

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

P-HSJCC Announcements:

- The Secretariat welcomed the following new Provincial HSJCC members to the table:
 - Tricia Hong, Manager & Lauren Iaccino, Policy Analyst from the **Program Policy Unit, Community and Developmental Services Policy Branch of the Community Services Division, MCCSS**

2023-2024 Regional and Local HSJCC Work planning Presentation:

- The Secretariat presented an overview of the **Regional and Local HSJCC Committees Work Planning process for the 2023-2024 fiscal year:**

Background:

- HSJCC Regional and Local committees submit their workplans and budget to the Secretariat annually (March 1st for the fiscal year ahead).
- Regional and Local workplans are to be submitted by email to Secretariat Network Coordinator, [Andrew Fairbairn](#) by end of day **Friday March 17th, 2023**.
- As part of Ministry of Health (MOH) reporting requirements, Regional, Local and Provincial HSJCC workplans will be submitted to MOH by **March 31st, 2023**.
- Regional and Local co-chairs are asked to use the most recent reporting template [HSJCC-Reporting-Template](#) when submitting their workplans to the Secretariat. Please contact Andrew if you require assistance.

ACTION: The Secretariat to send biweekly reminders to HSJCC Regional and Local Chairs. The P-HSJCC priorities will be included in the template as a reference to help identify local priorities that may align with the P-HSJCC.

P-HSJCC 2023-2024 Pre-Budget Submission:

- Secretariat led a discussion regarding the **P-HSJCC 2023-2024 Pre-Budget Submission** to be sent to the **Minister of Finance by February 10th, 2023.**
- Members noted the importance of highlighting the ever-growing need for services and the complexity of cases that are faced by community mental health and justice organizations. This will be supported by a request for an ongoing increase to base budgets for community organizations.
- P-HSJCC members noted the submission should highlight the need for investments to support both existing mental health and justice programs, as well as the need for additional funding for system enhancements and program expansions.
- Examples of pressure points in the system include the need for housing stock for affordable and supportive housing, investments to support substance use issues
- The submission will also include a request for increased funding for the HSJCC Network.

ACTION: The Secretariat to send **P-HSJCC voting members** a draft of the 2023-2024 Pre-Budget Submission to provide their feedback.

ACTION: The final submission will be shared with all P-HSJCC members before submission.

Updates from the Secretariat

P-HSJCC Meeting of January 17, 2023

P-HSJCC Financial Update

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

P-HSJCC 2023-2024 Workplan

The P-HSJCC will be developing its workplan for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. A draft of the workplan will be shared with the P-HSJCC Executive Committee at their February meeting. The final draft and budget will then be shared with the P-HSJCC at the March meeting for further input and final approval.

Advisory Committee Updates

2023 P-HSJCC Conference Planning Committee

The Conference Planning Committee continues to meet on a regular basis to help with the planning for the 2023 P-HSJCC Virtual Conference, “*Striving for Inclusive Justice: Reflecting on the past and acting for the future*”. A save the date for November 16 and 17th, 2023 was sent out through the HSJCC Mailing List and has been included in the package.

Communications and Knowledge Exchange (CKE) Committee

The CKE Committee last met on December 5th. The Secretariat announced the departure of Tasha Rennie, the Secretariat’s Network Engagement and Communications Officer. At this meeting, members discussed future webinar planning and potential speakers for 2023. Newly created communications materials, including graphics and templates were sent out to Local and Regional HSJCCs in December 2022. Please contact Andrew Fairbairn at afairbairn@ontario.cmha.ca if you have not received the communications package.

People with Lived Experience Advisory Committee

The PWLE Advisory Committee last met on November 29th to review a draft of the newly created HSJCC orientation package which includes resources for PWLE. The Committee would like to gather feedback from HSJCC members and PWLE to ensure the package is useful for recruitment of potential new members at all levels across the network. The Committee aims to have a final draft of the package ready for March 2023.

Anti-Racism Advisory Committee

The ARAC Framework Working Group completed the first of two focus groups with HSJCC Regional and Local Chairs in early December. The working group has recruited individuals who identify as Black, Indigenous, and/or racialized to take on the role of “community connectors”. These groups will lead the second phase of focus groups for both service users and service providers who identify as Black, Indigenous or racialized which will take place in February/March 2023.

The Community Connectors have been invited to the next scheduled ARAC Framework Working meeting to discuss their roles and responsibilities along with reviewing questions developed specifically for the second focus group. The larger ARAC last met in December 2022 and the next ARAC meeting is scheduled for February 9th.

Community of Practice Update

HSJCC Transition from Custody Network

The HSJCC Transition from Custody Network continues to meet on a regular basis to discuss issues impacting individuals leaving provincial corrections. The Network last met in October 2022. The primary topics for discussion included the Discharge from Distant Court Protocol. Members continue to raise concerns regarding a lack of standardization as a barrier to the success of the program. The HSJCC Secretariat and SOLGEN continue to work collaboratively to address issues raised by the network.

During the October meeting, the Community of Practice also discussed the identified priorities for the Network and the focus for the remainder of the fiscal year. In addition to previously identified priorities, the Network will focus on safe and affordable housing for people released from custody, community reintegration, making connections to addictions services during transitions from custody, the need to advocate for enhanced funding to support individuals with complex needs, and the need to develop additional employment services for adults leaving provincial custody.

The Network's next meeting will be scheduled for February 2023.

Provincial Projects Updates

Mobile Crisis Response Teams Framework and Toolkit

CMHA Ontario and the Ontario Provincial Police continue to work towards the launch of the Framework and Toolkit. Requests for endorsement from the Ministries of Health, Mental Health and Addictions and the Solicitor General were sent in December 2022.

Community Reintegration Planning Tables

In May 2022, The P-HSJCC and the Ministry of the Solicitor General announced a partnership to support the development and operationalization of joint ministry-community led Community Reintegration Planning Tables (Planning Tables). The Planning Tables will be established at ten sites using a phased approach.

The Secretariat is currently supporting the operationalization of local Planning Tables at the first five sites (Toronto South Detention Centre, Maplehurst Correctional Complex, Elgin-Middlesex Detention Centre, Thunder Bay Jail and Kenora Jail). Key Project milestones for the first five sites that have recently been completed or are nearing completion, include the selection of Planning Table Community Co-Chairs, the development of local Transfer Payment Agreements and finalizing local Planning Table Terms of Reference.

Cannabis and Drug Treatment Court Project (DTC) Update

CMHA Ontario and John Howard Society of Ontario in partnership with the P-HSJCC hosted a virtual knowledge exchange forum on October 19, 2022. The forum shared the results of the community-based research project funded by the Mental Health Commission of Canada (MHCC) which explored how cannabis use impacts mental health and whether it helps or hinders a participant's completion of a DTC Program. The forum also examined substance use within DTCs more broadly and included discussions on policy options to improve these courts and the criminal justice system. To access the recording or slides from the forum, please visit the HSJCC website [here](#).

The research team is currently working on submitting a final report to the MHCC. The team will look to engage with the P-HSJCC as they begin working on a public facing resources to be housed on the HSJCC website.

Engaging with Partner Ministries

HSJCC Secretariat & Partner Ministry Meetings

On January 12th, the HSJCC Secretariat met with Assistant Deputy Ministers from the Ministries of the Solicitor General and Children, Community and Social Services to share updates, discuss upcoming initiatives, and identify synergies between our work.