

## P-HSJCC Meeting Highlights

March 21, 2023

### 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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#### 2023-2024 P-HSJCC Work plan:

The Secretariat presented the final draft of the **2023-2024 P-HSJCC Work plan** which was approved by members.

#### P-HSJCC May in Person Meeting:

The Secretariat confirmed that the May P-HSJCC in person meeting will take place on **Thursday May 18<sup>th</sup>** at the **Double Tree Hilton Hotel (108 Chestnut Street, Toronto)** from **9am-3pm**.

#### Issue Management Session: Duty Counsel in Specialty Courts:

The Secretariat facilitated an issue management discussion submitted by the Kenora Rainy River District HSJCC regarding the lack of duty counsel in speciality courts in the Kenora area:

- Legal Aid Ontario (LAO) guest representative outlined challenges related to staffing and hybrid court models in mental health courts, which restricts in-person access to Duty Counsel.
- Members provided feedback on the status of specialty courts within their regions and the challenges that they face.

#### Community Reintegration Planning Tables:

The Secretariat provided an update on the Community Reintegration Planning Tables:

- 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 Correctional Centre and Jail, and Kenora Jail)
- Project milestones include the selection of Planning Table Community Co-Chairs, the development of local Transfer Payment Agreements, finalizing local Planning Table Terms of Reference, signing of confidentiality forms and having introductory meetings with the core and as-needed membership groups.

## 2023 Review of the Child, Youth and Family Services Act:

P-HSJCC Co-Chair Joan Nandlal led a discussion regarding the 2023 review of the Child, Youth and Family Services Act which includes six focus areas:

- 1) Child and youth rights
- 2) First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples' self-determination
- 3) Equity, anti-racism and overrepresentation
- 4) Prevention, well-being and community-based care
- 5) Improving quality and preventing child exploitation
- 6) Accountability and consistency.

Members suggested the most productive way for MCCSS to receive feedback that is reflective of those with expertise in the above areas would be to ensure there is opportunity for feedback through an online survey sent to the network.

## SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

- The Secretariat will send the approved final **P-HSJCC 2023-2024 Work plan** to the P-HSJCC and **Ministry of Health** by **March 31, 2023**. It will also be added to the HSJCC website.
- The Secretariat will work with the P-HSJCC Executive Committee to prioritize workplan items and have strategic discussions at the **May P-HSJCC 2023** meeting.
- The Secretariat will work with the **P-HSJCC Executive Committee** to determine the use of the **unallocated funds within the budget**.
- The Secretariat to send calendar invitation to members for the **P-HSJCC May in person meeting**.
- The Secretariat will work with voting members to arrange reimbursement of their travel and accommodations.
- The Secretariat will work with the P-HSJCC Executive Committee at their April meeting to develop an agenda for the May meeting.
- The Secretariat to set up a meeting with representatives from the **Ministry of Attorney General** and **LAO** to discuss common issues effecting Ontario Specialty Courts and develop potential solutions.
- The Secretariat to provide an update on the **issue management discussion** as an agenda item for the **P-HSJCC May** in person meeting.
- The Secretariat to follow up with the **MCCSS representatives** with the above feedback to engage the network in the review.

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

**P-HSJCC Meeting of March 21, 2023**

### **Q4 Budget Update**

Anticipated Q4 totals have been included in the meeting package. All unspent funds are on track to be used within the P-HSJCC's budget by March 31, 2023.

### **P-HSJCC 2023-2024 Workplan**

The P-HSJCC will be developing its workplan for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. A draft of the workplan was 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 [Call for Abstracts - HSJCC Conference 2023](#) was sent out to the network on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

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

The CKE Committee next meeting will be on April 24. The Secretariat is in the process of hiring a HSJCC Communication and Engagement Specialist to take the lead in supporting this committee. Please contact Andrew Fairbairn at [afairbairn@ontario.cmha.ca](mailto:afairbairn@ontario.cmha.ca) if you have any questions related to CKE activities.

#### ***People with Lived Experience (PWLE) Advisory Committee***

The PWLE Advisory Committee last met on February 7th to review a draft of the newly created HSJCC orientation package which includes a specific section 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 April 2023.

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

The ARAC Framework Working Group has contracted the services of Dr. Rai Reece, a consultant and professor of Sociology at the Toronto Metropolitan University to assist with the development of the provincial framework for the HSJCC Network.

The ARAC Framework Working last met on March 9<sup>th</sup> to identify the breakdown of the focus groups along with outreach and techniques to be used for the outreach for recruiting participants. Focus group feedback will help inform the development of the provincial

framework.

The larger Anti-racism committee last met in December 2022 and is scheduled to reconvene in April 2023.

## **Community of Practice (CoP) 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 February 2023. The HSJCC Secretariat canvassed members regarding the Discharge from Distant Court Protocol to determine if the situation has stayed consistent or improved. The HSJCC Secretariat and SOLGEN continue to work collaboratively to address issues raised by the network.

During the February meeting, the CoP also received an update on the progress of the Community Reintegration Planning Tables project. The CoP will continue to be a key informat group as the Planning Tables evolve. The CoP also reviewed its Terms of Reference, to reflect on its purpose and objectives and to determine if it still aligns with the needs of the group. The HSJCC Secretariat agreed to review the Terms of Reference and make edits where possible, as requested by members of the Transition from Custody Network. The document will be returned to network members for review and comments.

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

## **Provincial Projects Updates**

### **Mobile Crisis Response Teams Framework and Toolkit**

CMHA Ontario and the Ontario Provincial Police in partnership with the P-HSJCC officially released the [Mobile Crisis Response Teams: A Framework for Ontario and accompanying toolkit](#) on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The Framework and Toolkit were endorsed by the Ministers of Health, Mental Health and Addictions and the Solicitor General. The P-HSJCC hosted a webinar on the resources on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The recording and slide deck can be found [here](#).

The Secretariat is currently working on updating an environmental scan on both police and non-police models across the province. Continuous research and emerging models will help inform discussions at a future P-HSJCC forum.

## **Engaging with Partner Ministries**

### **HSJCC Secretariat & Partner Ministry Meetings**

On March 9<sup>th</sup> the Secretariat and P-HSJCC Co-Chairs met with Assistant Deputy Minister Kyle MacIntyre from the Mental Health and Addictions Branch of the Ministry of Health to provide an orientation to the HSJCC Network. The Secretariat team will be meeting with ADM MacIntyre on a quarterly basis to discuss priority areas and opportunities for collaboration.

On April 12<sup>th</sup>, the HSJCC Secretariat will meet 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.