

P-HSJCC In-Person Meeting Highlights

May 18, 2023

PROVINCIAL HSJCC UPDATES

Updates from the Secretariat:

The P-HSJCC convened their first in person meeting since January 2020 at the Double Tree Hilton Hotel in Toronto.

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

Mental Health Commission of Canada (MHCC) - Mental Health and Justice National Action Plan :

Mental Health Commission of Canada (MHCC), Program Manager, Amy Fogarty provided an overview of the MHCC National Action Plan to support the health and well-being of people who interact with the criminal justice system:

- P-HSJCC to work with MHCC to determine how they can support the national action plan.

Issue Management Session Follow Up: Duty Counsel in Specialty Courts:

The Secretariat provided an overview and update on the Issue Management Discussion that took place during the **March 2023 Provincial HSJCC Meeting**:

- Kenora Rainy River District HSJCC requested a discussion on the issue of restricted Duty Counsel services in speciality and mental health courts.
- Based on the discussion and identification of a local solution through follow-up discussions between the **Secretariat, Legal Aid Ontario, and Ministry of the Attorney General**, it was determined that further action at the provincial level was not needed at this time.

Community Reintegration Planning Tables:

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

- Local planning tables at Phase 1 sites are expected to launch between **June and July 2023**
- Program evaluation based on lessons learned and best practices from Phase 1 sites will assist with implementation of the Phase 2 sites and continuous improvement.

Policy Recommendations from Cannabis and Drug Treatment Court Project:

The Secretariat and CMHA Ontario Public Policy Analyst, **Sudha Sabanadesan** provided an overview of the policy recommendations developed based on a policy workshop discussion that

followed the [Cannabis and Drug Treatment Court Knowledge Exchange Forum](#) held in October 2022:

- Key policy recommendations included:
 - (1) Consistent funding for therapeutic courts from both federal and provincial governments
 - (2) Dedicated teams in courthouses administering Drug Treatment Programs
 - (3) Collecting race-based data to enhance accessibility of therapeutic courts and develop programming that responds to the needs of Indigenous, Black and racialized people in contact with the justice system.

Presentation of HSJCC Orientation Package:

The Secretariat and P-HSJCC PWLE Co-Chair, Trevor Tymchuk provided an overview of the recently completed **P-HSJCC Orientation Package** for new HSJCC members:

- Key components of the package include an overview of the network, available resources, and an orientation package template that local and regional HSJCC's can build off of to reflect their specific needs.
- Key terms added for better understanding of language used within the network.
- The orientation package was developed over a period with the input from people with lived experience.

Prioritizing Exercise:

The Secretariat facilitated a prioritization exercise to determine how the most effective way to focus their resources while carrying out the **2023/2024 P-HSJCC workplan activities**:

- The Secretariat completed an impact-effort grid (a decision-making tool) to identify the level of effort and perceived impact anticipated for each workplan item.
- The discussion focused on hearing from P-HSJCC members on their perceived level of impact for each workplan item and what are considered “core” activities of the P-HSJCC.

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS:

- The Secretariat to share approved presentation slide decks for circulation to the P-HSJCC.
- The Secretariat to update and send revised **Policy Recommendations from Cannabis & Drug Treatment Court Project** document based on feedback from the P-HSJCC May in-person meeting and circulate to the P-HSJCC members for validation.
- The Secretariat to share the **P-HSJCC Orientation Package** with the Provincial, Regional and Local Chairs.
- The Secretariat to send out a follow up survey to P-HSJCC members re: the prioritization exercise for the 2023/2024 P-HSJCC workplan activities.