

P-HSJCC Meeting Highlights

November 28, 2023

PROVINCIAL HSJCC UPDATES

Updates from the Secretariat:

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

P-HSJCC Announcements:

Secretariat welcomed the following Provincial HSJCC members to the table:

- Andy Luu, P-HSJCC Secretariat Stakeholder and Communications Specialist.
- Tazio Clarke, Toronto HSJCC Regional Co-Chair.
- Sarah James, Toronto HSJCC Regional Co-Chair.

2023 HSJCC Virtual Conference Preliminary Highlights:

The Secretariat shared preliminary highlights from 2023 P-HSJCC Virtual Conference.

- The conference had 581 registrations and **561** unique users on the platform.
- Keynote Speakers included retired City of Winnipeg Police Chief, **Devon Clunis** (Day 1)
- Calgary Drug Treatment Court Graduate Kerry **Gladue** (Day 2).

Key ministry partners who participated in the conference included:

- **MCCSS** – Trevor Sparrow, Assistant Deputy Minister, Youth Justice Division (Moderator for *Bridging the Gap for Youth Transitions* Keynote Panel).
- **MOH** - Dianne Cochrane, Manager, Forensic Mental Health and Justice Unit (Moderator, *Highlighting Crisis Response Services and Models Across Ontario* Keynote Panel).
- **MAG** - Randy Schwartz, Assistant Deputy Attorney General, Criminal Law Division (Day 1 Opening Remarks).
- **SolGen** - Melanie Mayoh, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Services Division (Day 2 Opening Remarks).

The Secretariat to provide a full conference evaluation report to P-HSJCC members when completed.

Community Reintegration Planning Tables Interim Report Highlights:

Reza Ahmadi, Consultant, John Howard Society of Ontario presented highlights from the **Community Reintegration Planning Tables (CRPTs) Interim Report** to the P-HSJCC.

The highlights included a project update, survey results and lessons learned from the Phase 1 CRPTs sites (Maplehurst, Thunder Bay, Toronto South, and Elgin-Middlesex). The findings of the interim report will support the development of the Phase 2 CRPT sites.

A final report for both Phase 1 and 2 of the CRPT will be completed in 2024.

PHSJCC Pre-Budget Submission Discussion

- The Secretariat led a discussion with P-HSJCC members for feedback regarding specific priority areas to include as part of the **2024 P-HJCC Pre-Budget Submission** which will be submitted to the Minister of Finance by **January 31st, 2024**.
- P-HSJCC members provided feedback on the priorities that should be highlighted in the pre-budget submission. High-level feedback includes the following points to potentially be included:
 - Housing (justice supportive units, modular homes, emergency shelters (for families and youth especially), rent supplements)
 - Ineffectiveness of bail courts and the challenges of navigating the bail system
 - Ontario Health Teams and the lack of discussion of mental health and substance use issues. The need to create integrated healthcare pathways for individuals with mental health and/or substance use issues.
 - The urgent situation with health and human services resources (staff, funding, program and service sustainability)
 - Criminal justice system involvement as a result of poverty.
 - Equitable access to mental health and psychiatric care; the need for investments in low barrier preventative care that is culturally appropriate.
 - Need for mobile health services to meet people where they are.
- The Secretariat to review feedback from the P-HSJCC on the pre-budget submission and discuss key themes with Executive Committee voting members at the December P-HSJCC Executive Committee meeting.
- A final draft of the pre-budget submission will be shared with the P-HSJCC at the January 2024 Meeting.

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS:

- The Secretariat to share full 2023 P-HSJCC Virtual Conference Evaluation with P-HSJCC and conference planning committee members.
- The Secretariat to include 2023 P-HSJCC Virtual Conference Highlights presentation slides as part of November P-HSJCC Bimonthly Meeting Highlights Package.
- The Secretariat to share the CRPT Interim Report presentation slides as part of the November P-HSJCC Bimonthly Meeting Highlights Package
- The Secretariat to share the CRPT Interim Report with P-HSJCC once reviewed and approved by the Ministry of the Solicitor General.
- The Secretariat to incorporate P-HSJCC members' feedback from the 2024 pre-budget submission discussion.
- The Secretariat to discuss key themes for the 2024 pre-budget submission with the P-HSJCC Executive Committee voting members at the December Executive Committee meeting.

Updates from the Secretariat

P-HSJCC Meeting of November 2023

Secretariat Staff Update

Welcome **Andy Luu**, P-HSJCC Secretariat Stakeholder Engagement and Communications Specialist.

Budget Update

Projected budget totals for Q3 have been included in the meeting package.

Advisory Committee Updates

2023 P-HSJCC Conference Planning Committee

The Conference Planning Committee has successfully executed the 2023 conference and will begin recruiting new committee members in the Summer of 2024 when the planning for the 2025 conference begins. Highlights from the 2023 Conference will be shared during the November P-HSJCC meeting.

Communications and Knowledge Exchange (CKE) Committee

The CKE Committee will reconvene in **January 2024** to discuss potential topics to add to the webinar calendar and other knowledge exchange opportunities

People with Lived Experience (PWLE) Advisory Committee

The PWLE Advisory Committee last met on **November 7th** to discuss the upcoming networking session at the P-HSJCC 2023 Conference. The committee also discussed opportunities for engaging new members and for regional and local committees to add PWLE to their workplan. The next PWLE Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for **January 9th, 2024**.

Anti-Racism Advisory Committee

The Anti-Racism Advisory Committee met on **October 18th** to share focus group results and updates on work to come. Committee members hosted a networking session at the 2023 HSJCC Conference to discuss anti-racism best practices and outreach to potential new members. The next meeting will be scheduled for **January/February 2024**.

The ARAC Framework Working Group met on **November 7th** to discuss the framework next steps with work to start before the end of the year. Working group members presented the ARAC Framework preliminary research data at the 2023 P-HSJCC Virtual Conference. The working group next meeting is scheduled for **December 4th**.

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 **October 2023**. During this meeting, the Network elected a new Co-Chair, Maja Rehou.

The Community Reintegration Planning Tables Co-Chairs provided updates on the status of their tables. Whitney Kitchen from the City of Windsor's [Homelessness-Housing-Hub-H4](#) attended to share a presentation on the hub model.

The next Transition from Custody Network meeting is scheduled for December **13th**.

Provincial Projects Updates

Mental Health Courts Project

The HSJCC Secretariat team, in partnership with the Ministry of the Attorney General and the Ministry of Health, is launching a project to develop a best practice guide and toolkit for mental health courts across Ontario. The project's main objective is to identify promising best practices for the operation and evaluation of these courts. This will include conducting an environmental scan of mental health courts across Ontario to identify the best possible practices.

The Secretariat will be seeking members for a project advisory committee including people with lived experience. More details will be provided when recruitment begins.

Inventory of Mental Health, Addictions and Justice Services

In **April 2023**, CMHA Ontario entered into an agreement with the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of the Solicitor General to create an inventory of mental health and addictions programs and services for justice-involved individuals across Ontario. Since then, the P-HSJCC Secretariat have worked with consultants DPRA Canada and the John Howard Society of Ontario to develop this inventory. We are pleased to share that a final draft will soon be ready to share with local and regional HSJCCs for review and feedback.

Engaging with Partner Ministries

HSJCC Secretariat & Partner Ministry Meetings

On **September 25th** 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. The next meeting will be scheduled for **January/February 2024**.

The Secretariat delivered a presentation to the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA) housing leads in **September** to discuss the HSJCC, its intersecting projects and priorities and to highlight the housing needs of individuals with complex needs who have come into contact with the justice system. The next meeting is scheduled for **November 21st**.