

## P-HSJCC Meeting Highlights

March 19, 2024

### PROVINCIAL HSJCC UPDATES

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#### Updates from the Secretariat:

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

#### Drug Strategy Network of Ontario (DSNO):

Michael Parkinson presented on the work and priority areas for the DSNO including a [recent submission](#) to the provincial and federal governments on the need for prescribed safe supply programs as part of a continuum of care options in a comprehensive approach to substance use issues.

The Secretariat proposed the potential for DSNO and P-HSJCC, regional and local committees to collaborate on knowledge exchange opportunities as it relates to harm reduction approaches to address the drug toxicity crisis.

#### P-HSJCC 2024-2025 Workplan and Budget:

The Secretariat presented the final draft of the [P-HSJCC Workplan 2024-2025](#) which was approved by voting members.

#### P-HSJCC/CMHA Ontario Memorandum of Understanding

The Secretariat provided an overview of the updated P-HSJCC/CMHA Ontario Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. P-HSJCC voting members approved the updated MOU.

#### Crisis Response Preliminary Survey Results

The Secretariat presented the Crisis Response project initial survey data findings that was sent to provincial and municipal police services, CMHA branches, regional and local HSJCCs as well as ministry partners in **January 2024** and closed in **March 2024**.

The survey was in response to stakeholder feedback on the [Developing Mobile Crisis Response Teams: A framework for Ontario](#) which emphasized the need for an updated inventory that includes both police led, and community led crisis response teams and reflects changes in the service landscape since the previous environmental scan was completed in **2020**.

The Secretariat will present full survey results and data analysis during the **P-HSJCC May in-person meeting**, with further discussion of the results and the associated next steps.

### P-HSJCC May In-person Meeting Updates:

The Secretariat presented updates for the May in-person meeting which will be held on **Monday May 13<sup>th</sup>** at the **Double Tree Hotel Toronto, 108 Chestnut Street**. This year, the meeting will be focused on “**Moving beyond stigma and discrimination: humanizing individuals within the human services and justice systems.**”

A draft agenda will be presented to the Executive Committee meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup> and then shared with members.

### Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) Representation at P-HSJCC Meetings:

The Secretariat led a discussion and presented potential options for diverse police representation as part of the OACP ex-officio position on the P-HSJCC.

The Secretariat also proposed the creation of a new ex-officio position for Indigenous led police services. The Secretariat will send P-HSJCC voting members options for approval via email.

### P-HSJCC Member Engagement Updates:

The Secretariat will be sending the [HSJCC Chair & Co-Chair Member Engagement Survey](#) out to P-HSJCC Regional Chairs on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

The purpose of the survey is to gather information that will help the Secretariat to better understand how they can support improved member engagement and work of the regional committees.

### SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS:

- Secretariat to follow up with Michael Parkinson for the DSNO presentation to be included with the March P-HSCC Meeting Highlights package.
- Secretariat to schedule meeting with DSNO to discuss potential opportunities for collaboration.
- Secretariat to share CMHA Ontario/Secretariat MOU with members once signed by P-HSJCC Co-Chairs and CMHA Ontario CEO.
- Secretariat to upload final P-HSJCC 2024-2025 Workplan to the HSJCC website.
- The Secretariat to P-HSJCC voting members options for the police representation at P-HSJCC meetings for approval via email. Secretariat to then follow up with OACP to identify representative as an ex-officio member at future P-HSJCC meetings.

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

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### **Budget Update**

Projected budget totals for Q4 have been included in the meeting package.

### **Advisory Committee Updates**

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

The Conference Planning Committee met in February to discuss the evaluation report and review lessons learned to aid in planning for the 2025 conference. Some key points and highlights that came out of the discussion were:

- Positives:
  - Topics and information were relevant to the attendee's work
  - Both Keynote Presentations were amazing
  - HSJCC Conference is very informative
  - Very engaging
- Negatives:
  - Online platform was difficult to navigate and use
  - Tech issues

Since the main issues identified by participants were related to the vendor and platform, a new vendor will be explored for the 2025 Virtual P-HSJCC Conference.

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

The CKE Committee met in March and discussed potential topics to add to the webinar calendar and to walkthrough upcoming knowledge exchange opportunities and future projects. Regional committees were invited to discuss upcoming knowledge exchange products and ways to support Regional HSJCCs in their engagement. The Secretariat also shared an update that the Executive Committee approved a contract with Think 33 to create a custom, functional, accessible, and user-friendly WordPress template on the HSJCC website and manage hosting on both sites.

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

The PWLE Advisory Committee met in February to review the current Terms of Reference and honoraria policy for People with Lived Experience. The committee welcomed two new members and had them join the discussion. Some highlights shared at this meeting were: clarifying the focus on the objectives of the Advisory Committee, membership, honoraria, the process of electing the chairs, and the opportunity to work with Groundbreakers. The next PWLE meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, at 1:00pm.

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

The ARAC Framework Working Group met in January & February and began work on the Anti-Racism framework. The working group provided an update at the larger Anti-Racism Committee meeting in February. The working group also shared their experience presenting at the conference as well as the networking session which was well attended and welcomed new members.

## **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 2024. The Network received and discussed an interim evaluation report of the first phase of the Community Reintegration Planning Tables project. Discussion of the report and community engagement in the Community Reintegration Planning Tables will continue at the next meeting, which is scheduled for April 10<sup>th</sup>. The CoP will also continue discussions on the Red Bag Program in partnership with the Ministry of the Solicitor General.

## **Provincial Projects Updates**

### ***Community Reintegration Planning Tables (CRPT)***

Phase 1 CRPTs (Toronto South Detention Centre, Elgin-Middlesex Detention Centre, Thunder Bay Correctional Centre and Jail and Maplehurst Correctional Centre) continue to meet regularly. The P-HSJCC Secretariat is supporting each site to address issues identified in the interim evaluation, such as addressing lack of shelter supports through partnerships with service agencies to create emergency beds for individuals leaving correctional institutions.

CMHA Ontario on behalf of the P-HSJCC recently applied for funding from Infrastructure Canada to research and develop solutions to the housing crisis and its impact on people reintegrating from correctional institutions. The grant was applied for in partnership with the John Howard Society of Ontario, Social Research and Demonstration Corporation, the Ministry of the Solicitor General, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Canadian Observatory on Homelessness.

The Secretariat is also working on supporting Phase 2 sites to launch and anticipate that the Sarnia Jail, the Quinte Detention Centre, and the Kenora District Jail will be launching in the spring, with the Vanier Centre for Women, Brockville Jail and Toronto East Detention Centre scheduled to launch in the fall. The Secretariat recently visited Quinte, Brockville and Sarnia to meet with Institutional Services staff and Community Reintegration Officers to discuss the needs of individuals being released from those correctional institutions and how the CRPTs can support them.

The Secretariat will be renewing our Transfer Payment Agreement with the Ministry of the Solicitor General to support the continued development of the CRPTs.

The Secretariat has posted to fill the role of [HSJCC Community Reintegration Coordinator.](#) Members are encouraged to circulate the posting through their networks.

### ***Mental Health Courts Guidebook and Toolkit***

The HSJCC Secretariat continues to work with the Ministry of the Attorney General to prepare for the formal launch of this project. The project is anticipated to be launched in Fall 2024, at which point an advisory committee for the project will be struck and its first meeting will be held.

## **Engaging with Partner Ministries**

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

The Secretariat is scheduled met with Assistant Deputy Ministers from the Ministries of the Solicitor General and Children, Community and Social Services on March 12<sup>th</sup> to share updates, discuss upcoming initiatives, and identify synergies between our work.