

P-HSJCC Meeting Highlights

September 17th, 2024

PROVINCIAL HSJCC UPDATES

Updates from the Secretariat:

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

Member Updates

Regional chairs provided substantial updates, with member engagement being flagged as an issue across multiple regions. The table also welcomed a new member of the HSJCC Secretariat and several new regional representatives:

- [Ally Stevenson](#), HSJCC Network Coordinator
- Lisa Mahabir has joined as the new Co-Chair for Peel Regional HSJCC.
- Carley Kippen has joined as the new chair for Simcoe-Muskoka Regional HSJCC.
- Kim Breen has joined as the new Co-Chair for Champlain Regional HSJCC.
- Nicole St. Jean has joined as the new Co-Chair for the Northeast Regional HSJCC

Ministry Partners and Ex-Officio members provided substantial updates and welcomed three new members:

- Tamara Gates and Nicole Siron from the Victims and Vulnerable Persons Division with the Ministry of the Attorney General
- Alica Neufeld from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- Niki Hashie from the Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres
- Fallon Melander and Rebecca Hammond from the new Indigenous Services Department within Legal Aid Ontario

P-HSJCC Priority Setting Discussion

Due to time constraints, the Secretariat did not present on the P-HSJCC Priority Setting Discussion, however, a slide deck outlining the process and timelines as well as priority setting packages will be distributed to all members in the coming week.

- Note to Regional and Local Chairs: Please add priority setting to your next meeting agenda to gather feedback for your survey response to the Secretariat.

Centre of Excellence Presentation

[Danyal Martin](#) and [Kirandeep Kharpal](#) presented on the work and priority areas for the Centre of Excellence (CoE).

- An overview of the CoE, which is a unit within Ontario Health responsible for building a comprehensive and connected mental health and addiction system, was presented to the P-HSJCC.
- The CoE also spoke to the intersections of their work with the Provincial HSJCC, including initiatives such as the Mental Health and Addictions Provincial Data Set and the Mental Health and Addictions Provincial Coordinated Access Service Model. The slide deck will be distributed to all members.

Pre-Budget Discussion

- Due to time constraints, the Secretariat did not lead the discussion on the Pre-Budget submission. The Secretariat will share more details via email and will discuss with the Executive Committee on October 15th, 2024.

Discussion on CTS Closure and HART Hubs

The Secretariat provided an overview of the status of the Consumption and Treatment Service Site closures and the opening of the Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment Hubs.

- Discussion questions and slide deck will be distributed to members.
- Regional and Local HSJCC Chairs are encouraged to bring the discussion questions back to their committee for feedback that will inform a follow up discussion at November P-HSJCC meeting.

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS:

- Regional chairs to reach out to [Andy Luu](#) regarding issues with member engagement.
- Secretariat to share the Centre of Excellence slide deck.
- Secretariat to share priority setting slide deck and priority setting package to all members.
- Secretariat to share all links provided by members in the meeting.
- Secretariat to share more details on pre-budget discussion via email and discuss with Executive Committee on Oct 15th, 2024. Secretariat to share pre-budget submission slide deck.
- The Provincial HSJCC to revisit HART hubs discussion at November meeting. Secretariat to share HART Hubs slide deck, and regional chairs to discuss at committee meetings before the next provincial meeting in November.
- Members who have pre-charge diversion programs are encouraged to please contact [Chantal Dupuis](#) from the Ontario Provincial Police and copy [Erin Paquette](#).

Updates from the Secretariat

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Budget Update

Projected budget totals for Q2 have been included in the meeting package.

Advisory Committee Updates

P-HSJCC Conference Planning Committee

The Secretariat are pleased to announce the Co-Chairs for the 2025 P-HSJCC Virtual Conference Planning Committee will be Amy Hall and Trevor Tymchuk. The Conference Planning Committee will first convene on Tuesday, October 1st, 2024 to begin the planning process. If you are interested in joining the planning committee, please contact Andy Luu at aluu@ontario.cmha.ca.

Communications and Knowledge Exchange (CKE) Committee

The CKE Committee last met on Thursday, July 11th, 2024, where Regional and Local HSJCC Chairs were invited to join and share education, training, and other knowledge exchange opportunities from their region. The Secretariat shared updates on the revamping of the HSJCC Website and asked for feedback from the CKE Committee members. At the next CKE Committee meeting, the Secretariat will focus on potentially hosting its first of its webinar series with the BRAVE Program from Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre.

People with Lived Experience (PWLE) Advisory Committee

The PWLE Advisory Committee last met on Wednesday, August 7th, 2024. The Secretariat brought in Claire Tremblay from CMHA Ontario to present about the Someone's Someone Campaign, which is focused on humanizing individuals with substance use issues. PWLE members provided their feedback on the campaign and flagged opportunities to engage PWLE as part of the campaign. The next PWLE Committee meeting will focus on the possible in-person networking event.

Anti-Racism Advisory Committee (ARAC)

Over the summer months, the anti-racism framework working group has been developing the P-HSJCC anti-racism framework. The working group is looking forward to providing a substantial progress update at the Provincial Anti-Racism Advisory Committee meeting on October 10th, 2024 and the Provincial HSJCC meeting on November 19th, 2024.

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 June 2024, where they received updates and recommendations from an engagement with the P-HSJCC's

People with Lived Experience (PWLE) Committee. Recommendations from the PWLE Committee included the development of a conflict resolution framework that could be applied more broadly across all P-HSJCC committees, as well as improved orientation practices for new members of the HSJCC Network.

During the June 2024 meeting, the Network also continued discussion of the April 2024 annual update. This discussion included a review of lessons learned in the 2023-2024 fiscal year, a discussion of the areas that the CoP will focus on for agendas and knowledge exchange for the coming year, as well as a discussion of presentations and/or learning opportunities that the CoP would like to receive.

The Transition from Custody Network will reconvene in October 2024. Going forward, the CoP will be supported by HSJCC Community Reintegration Lead Policy Analyst Sara Fruchtmann and HSJCC Community Reintegration Coordinator Julia Laine.

Provincial Projects

Crisis Response Scan

CMHA Ontario's work to complete a revised environmental scan of Crisis Response Teams across the province continues. The survey to gather the data for the updated environmental scan closed in March 2024. The work to compile and clean up the data was completed in August 2024. CMHA Ontario's Justice Policy and Quality Improvement & Systemic Performance teams are working to create knowledge exchange products that outline the findings from the environmental scan which will include a slide deck and summary document.

In September 2024, CMHA Ontario will launch some of these resources, beginning with knowledge exchange opportunities. A highlights report will be released later this Fall.

Community Reintegration Planning Tables

Community Reintegration Planning Tables (CRPTs) aim to facilitate stronger collaboration between the Ministry of the Solicitor General (SOLGEN), the justice sector, and community providers, and improve outcomes for individuals released from provincial correctional institutions. Since May 2023, CRPTs have been launched at the Toronto South Detention Centre, Elgin Middlesex Detention Centre, Thunder Bay Correctional Centre and Jail, Maplehurst Correctional Complex, and most recently, the Quinte Detention Centre.

Over the last year, the P-HSJCC Secretariat has developed strong partnerships between the community and ministry staff to support people with complex needs being released, including through the creation of reintegration beds to support those struggling with housing and homelessness. Efforts are currently underway to develop CRPTs at the Central East Correctional Centre, Brockville Jail, Sarnia Jail, Toronto East Correctional Centre, Kenora District Jail, and Vanier Centre for Women.

To better support vulnerable and racialized individuals who are over-represented in the provincial correctional system, the P-HSJCC is prioritizing leadership from Indigenous and Black-led organizations at these sites. For example, Amadeusz, a Toronto-based Black-led agency will be co-chairing the CRPT for the Toronto South and the Toronto East with John

Howard Society of Toronto; Grand Council Treaty #3, the governing body of the Anishinaabe Nation in Treaty #3, is leading the development of the Kenora District Jail CRPT as the Community Co-Chair; and 2 Spirited People of the 1st Nations, will be leading the development of the Vanier CRPT, including overseeing the creation of an Indigenous focused sub-table for cis women, trans women and 2-spirited people released from Vanier.

Mental Health, Substance Use and Justice Inventory

In March 2023, CMHA Ontario entered into a partnership with the Ministry of Health to develop an inventory of mental health and substance use services in Ontario, with a special focus on services for justice-involved populations. The inventory was completed in October 2023 and was shared with all regional and local HSJCC chairs for their review and feedback in November 2023. Since then, CMHA Ontario's Justice Policy team have been working closely with Ministry of Health partners to refine the inventory and develop a release plan.

During the first phase of the release, the first version of the inventory will be released to key stakeholders for reference purposes. There will also be the option in this version to add to the existing inventory or update program information. The second phase of the release will reflect any updates made to the inventory and will be released to the public on the HSJCC website.

Member Engagement

The Member Engagement Plan is designed to improve communication and collaboration of local and regional HSJCCs with one another, improve engagement of local and regional HSJCCs with the Provincial committee, and increase recruitment of new members to the HSJCC Network. The Secretariat hosted a successful Member Engagement Session back in May 2024 at CMHA Peel-Dufferin, with possible future plans to attend and host a Member Engagement session with Halton Regional HSJCC and Leeds-Grenville Local HSJCC.

For any committees who may require assistance with member engagement, please contact Andy Lu at aluu@ontario.cmha.ca.