

P-HSJCC Meeting Highlights

November 19th, 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 one new regional representative:

- Shereen Rampersad, has joined as one of the new Co-chairs for the Peel Regional HSJCC.

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

- Rachel Mahoney has joined as a new member of the Clinical Interventions Unit – Youth Justice Division at MCCSS.

Follow-Up Discussion on CTS Closure and HART Hubs

The Secretariat led a follow-up discussion on the CTS closures and HART Hubs. Following the September P-HSJCC meeting, regional representatives were encouraged to bring the discussion questions back to their committees for feedback to then share an update at the November meeting.

- Discussion amongst members highlighted the collaborative process across community partners that has occurred during the preparation and submission of HART Hub applications.
- Discussion questions and slide deck will be distributed to members.

Follow-Up Discussion on the HSJCC Pre-Budget Submission

The Secretariat led a follow-up discussion P-HSJCC Pre-Budget Submission. This was a follow-up to the discussion at the Executive Committee Meeting on Oct 15th, 2024. The top priorities for the submission include: the continuum of housing solutions, transportation to and from custodial facilities, voluntary and proactive treatment options, coverage for preventative care assessments under provincial healthcare, accessibility to services for those with complex mental health and substance use concerns, and addressing wage disparities and training needs for community mental health providers.

- Members provided feedback and potential resources to inform the pre-budget submission.
- Memo and slide deck will be distributed to members.

Announcement of New Work Planning 101 Workshop for Local and Regional Co-Chairs

The Secretariat announced a new workshop being held on virtually on February 4th, 2025, from 1pm-2pm. The workshop will offer a 101 on work planning and reporting for all regional and local co-chairs.

- A calendar invite will be sent to all regional and local co-chairs.
- The slide deck will be distributed to members.

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS:

- Secretariat to follow up on issue management process and closing the loop on past discussions.
- CMHA Ontario to continue to provide updates on status of HART hub applications.
- All members to complete priority setting exercise and submit their responses by November 30th, 2024.
- Secretariat to send out calendar invite to regional and local co-chairs for Work Planning 101.
- Secretariat to send out calendar invite to all members for the P-HSJCC May 14th In-Person Meeting in Toronto, ON.

Updates from the Secretariat

P-HSJCC Meeting November 2024

Advisory Committee Updates

P-HSJCC Conference Planning Committee

The Conference Planning Committee had its first meeting on Tuesday, October 1st, 2024 to begin the planning process. We are excited to announce that the P-HSJCC Bi-Annual Conference, titled *Justice Begins Early: Empowering Communities Through Proactive Intervention*, will be held on November 4th and 5th, 2025. Please stay tuned for an official Save the Date and Call for Abstracts.

Communications and Knowledge Exchange (CKE) Committee

The CKE Committee last met on Thursday, October 10th 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 is excited to share that the HSJCC will be hosting a webinar featuring the [BRAVE Program from Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre on November 21st, 2024 from 12pm-1pm](#). In addition, the P-HSJCC will be hosting a housing and justice webinar series in the new year, more information to come!

Anti-Racism Advisory Committee (ARAC)

The anti-racism framework working group continues to develop the P-HSJCC anti-racism framework. The working group provided a substantial progress update at the Provincial Anti-Racism Advisory Committee meeting on October 10th, 2024, and will provide an update to the Provincial Table at the January 2025 meeting.

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 2024, where they discussed potential opportunities for learning and knowledge exchange, including information sharing on best practices to support property retrieval after release from custody.

The Transition from Custody Network will reconvene in January 2025.

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. The Justice Policy team are currently working on developing a report that summarizes the findings from the survey. A webinar will be held on December 4th to share the results with survey respondents. HSJCC Network regional and local chairs will be invited to attend this webinar and to share information back with their committees. In addition, the webinar will be recorded and will be posted to the HSJCC website in mid-December. CMHA Ontario is working on additional knowledge exchange products and will continue to provide updates to the HSJCC Network on the results of this work.

Community Reintegration Planning Tables

Community Reintegration Planning Tables (CRPTs) 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.

The Toronto Regional CRPT, which takes referrals from both the Toronto South Detention Centre and the Toronto East Detention Centre, launched November 13. This table aims to support individuals reintegrating across the Toronto area, with the support of Community Co-Chair, Amadeusz, a Toronto-based, Black-led agency that provides culturally responsive services to incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals.

Our partners at the Ministry of the Solicitor General have made the decision to support the development and launch of a CRPT at the Hamilton-Wentworth Detention Centre. These resources will be re-allocated from the Maplehurst Correctional Complex by December 31, 2024. The Secretariat would like to thank the Maplehurst CRPT Community Co-Chair, Katie House and Coordinator, Alexandra Simas Medieros, from John Howard Society Peel Halton Dufferin and all the Maplehurst CRPT members for their support of the Maplehurst CRPT over the last year. We will continue to work with our local and regional HSJCC members to identify the best opportunities to collaborate and support individuals released from Maplehurst.

We anticipate the launch of several new CRPTs over the next few months. To support reintegration from the Quinte Detention Centre and Central East Correctional Centre, sub-tables will be launching in Peterborough and Kawartha, Belleville and Durham between November and January. These sub-tables will support the already inspiring work being led by the Kingston sub-table in the area. In addition, we anticipate the announcement of the launch of the Brockville, Kenora, Vanier and Sarnia CRPTs in January 2025.

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. A second phase of the project will include ongoing updates made to the format and accessibility of the inventory.

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. On October 30th, 2024, members of the Secretariat team hosted a successful in-person Community Engagement Event for the Halton Regional HSJCC at CMHA Halton. At the end of November, the Secretariat Team will be hosting an in-person engagement session with the Leeds-Grenville Local HSJCC. In January, the Secretariat team will be travelling to London to facilitate an in-person engagement session with the London-Middlesex Local HSJCC.

For any committees who may require assistance with member engagement, please contact astevenson@ontario.cmha.ca.