

Provincial Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: January 21, 2020

Co-Chairs, Policy Support, and HSJCC Secretariat

HSJCC Position	HSJCC Member	✓	R
Provincial Co-Chairs	Katie Almond	✓	
	Sara Dias	✓	
Policy Support (CMHA Ontario)	Christine Conrad	✓	
HSJCC Secretariat	Joseph Szamuhel, Project Manager	✓	
	Tasha Rennie, Communications & Engagement Officer	✓	
	Candace Vena, Network Coordinator	✓	
Web Support & CKE Committee Chair	Trevor Tymchuk	✓	

Regional HSJCC Representatives (Voting Members)

HSJCC	Chair, Co-chairs and Delegate	✓	R
Hamilton/Niagara/Brant/Haldimand/ Norfolk Regional	Trevor Tymchuk	✓	
	Tyson Benn	✓	
	Satar Wahidi	✓	
Champlain Regional	Joan Garrow	✓	
Durham Regional HSJCC	Marni Bell	✓	
Haliburton/Kawartha Lakes/Pine Ridge Regional	Jonathan Hewitt	✓	
Halton Regional	Francisco Truong	✓	
North East Regional	Kamilah Francis	✓	
	Sue Tasse	✓	
North West Regional	Mariah Maddock	✓	
	Jennifer Hyslop	✓	
Peel Regional	Shelly Schneider	✓	
Simcoe Muskoka Regional	Mary Martin	✓	
	Debbie Bigelow	✓	
South East Regional HSJCC	Sharron Brown	✓	
	Becky Stark		R
South West Regional HSJCC	Noelle Brady		R
	Michele Murray Smith		R
Toronto Regional HSJCC	Steve Lurie	✓	
	Amber Kellen		R
Waterloo-Wellington Regional HSJCC	Joan Nandlal	✓	
	Brooke Young	✓	
York-South Simcoe Regional HSJCC	Tricia Samaroo	✓	

Ministry Representatives (Ex-Officio)

Ministry	Representative	✓	R
Correctional Service Canada	Jennifer Gravelle		R
Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS)	Julie Erbland		R
	Zoe Kavoukian-Scharf	✓	
	Caroline Schulz		R
Ministry of the Solicitor General (SolGen)	Stephanie Tousignant	✓	
	Sue Khowessah	✓	

	Yoko Murphy	✓	
	Anjelina Mattai	✓	
Ministry of Health (MOH)	Dianna Cochrane		R
	Amy Herskowitz	✓	
	Kaitlin Yousef		R
Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG)	Rebecca Law		R
	Dena Bonnet	✓	

Other Members (Ex-Officio)

Other Members	Representative	✓	R
CMHA Ontario Division	Uppala Chandrasekera	✓	
Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) Representation	Mary Tasz	✓	
Community Networks of Specialized Care	Lisa Holmes		R
Connex Ontario	Brad Davey	✓	
Legal Aid Ontario	AJ Grant-Nicholson	✓	
Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police	Bill Chantler	✓	
Ontario Provincial Police	Lisa Longworth	✓	
	Angie McCollum		R
Forensic Directors Group	Michelle Davidson		R
Centre for Addiction and Mental Health	Marla Banning	✓	
Justice for Children and Youth	Mary Birdsell		R
	Samira Ahmed	✓	
John Howard Society of Ontario	Safiyah Husein	✓	
	Jacqueline Tasca		

Summary of Action items from 21 January 2020

1	<u>ACTION:</u> The Secretariat will circulate all of the presentation slide decks from our guest speakers at the January 2020 meeting.
2	<u>ACTION:</u> Bill Chantler will send the London Red Bag Pilot backgrounder to the Secretariat to circulate to the P-HSJCC.
3	<u>ACTION:</u> Connex Ontario to conduct a scan of all dual diagnosis services available across the province and a list of residential treatment centres that accept justice involved clients and forward the information to the Secretariat.
4	<u>ACTION:</u> The Secretariat to connect with Developmental Services Ontario and Community Networks of Specialized Care on the Dual Diagnosis and Justice issue. The Secretariat to provide updates to the P-HSJCC at the March meeting.
5	<u>ACTION:</u> The Secretariat to look into alternative dates for the March 2020 meeting and advise P-HSJCC members.

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Item for Discussion	Discussion
1) In Camera Discussion	There was an in-camera discussion for voting members only. Minutes were not recorded for this portion of the meeting.
2) Welcome and Introductions	<p>Sara welcomed everyone to the meeting of January 21, 2020 and provided a land acknowledgement.</p> <p>Elder Little Brown Bear opened the meeting with a smudging ceremony.</p> <p>This was followed by a roundtable of introductions. There are 12 voting members present.</p>
3) Consent Agenda	<p>The Provincial HSJCC membership reviewed the consent agenda for the meeting of January 21, 2020.</p> <p>There are two items for discussion:</p> <p>1) Older Adults and the Justice System Project Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretariat is currently working on a release plan for the older adults guidebook. The expected release date is sometime the week of January 27th. • A reporter from the Toronto start is interested in the story but needs a caregiver or an older adult with lived experience to bring life to the story. • We are asking members to reach out to anyone they may know that has this lived experience and may be willing to speak to media. <p>2) The next P-HSJCC meeting lands on March 17th which falls on March break.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee we should move the meeting to another week. The Secretariat will follow up with members once a date has been confirmed. <p>MOTION: Joan N. moved to approve the consent agenda, Jennifer H. seconded. All in favour.</p>
3) 2019-2020 P-HSJCC Financial Update	<p>Joseph provided a 2019-2020 financial update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The conference ran a much larger deficit than planned, however this is something we will be planning for in future conferences. • We were contacted by CMHA Peel Dufferin to help facilitate a police hospital transition protocol in their community. As a result, our contracted work will cancel out the conference deficit. • We are able to move forward with the rest of our work plan items for 2019-2020 including in person meetings and hosting our Housing and Justice forum. • We will be following up with more details about the Housing and Justice Forum as planning unfolds over the next month.

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<p>4) Acquired Brain Injury and the Justice System Presentation</p>	<p>Cathy Halovanic, System Navigator provided a presentation on ABI and the justice system:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no consistency across the province in how ABI and justice clients are dealt with across the province. • There is also a higher proportion of ABI involved in the justice system as compared to the general population and recidivism is quite high among these individuals. • Education is working and there is an avenue for ABI support through mental health courts, but there are a lot of system gaps. • There is no consistent training for justice workers, however on the flip side there is no consistent training for ABI workers about the justice system <p>Resource Planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We need to start with what exists now. We need better communication with ABI specific resources and establishing data banks • There is screening available, but we need to screen earlier on. We are likely already working with these populations. • System navigators are a resource and can provide the education piece • There is a list provided in the PowerPoint with all of the navigators in each of the LHINs. <p>Pilot Project Hamilton Wentworth Detention Centre:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABI workers went into detention centre and did screening, educating the staff and worked with individuals while in custody to then connect them to the community once released. • It was difficult to incorporate existing ABI support services. There is a need for quick response and build capacity. We need to establish connections prior to discharge as high risk of “losing” individual. <p>What already exists?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSO toolkit is resource available provincially to increase awareness, provide information and practical tips for interacting with individuals with developmental disabilities. The HSJCC hosts the DSO toolkit and videos on our website. • This is a great template for other specialized populations. • Headways brain injury has developed an identification card. • There is potential for funding through the Ontario Neurotrauma Foundation for Catalyst. It would help with the expansion of services for specific for ABI populations. • The Witness Support and Preparation Service – currently in York, Simcoe and Durham Region. • Vulnerable Persons Registry – Toronto Police Example

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	<p><u>Discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SolGen Corrections have had discussions around developing toolkits. There is a benefit of having one go to document and integrating care and the various levels of support needed • Kenora uses the HELPS screening tool for court workers, but only if a potential brain injury is flagged. • We may be identifying what someone may have, but then what is the next step? Correctional institutions do not have the capacity to support individuals inside, and outside of the community as well. • Frontline workers do not have to be diagnostic technician but can learn to flag that there may be something else going on. • Currently brain injury is not an indicator on situation tables. There is a recommendation to put forward this to the RTD. • There should be supports at each juncture point. Screening tools should be put into the hands of the right people i.e. court support workers, police (MCITs), corrections etc. • We need to take this one step above mental health and addictions. ABI is not part of the system conversation. This needs to bring to policy makers and an inter-ministerial approach. • Agencies also need to collect the data first – bring these numbers to the ministries. <p>Consensus from the table is that we would like to continue to explore this work.</p> <p><u>ACTION:</u> The Secretariat to circulate the PowerPoint and links to the membership.</p>
<p>5) Changes to Legal Aid Ontario</p>	<p>Executives from Legal Aid Ontario came to speak to some of the changes to Legal Aid Ontario and consult with P-HSJCC members on how to best serve our client populations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a discussion at the September meeting on some of the changes to LAO. • There have been additional changes to support for CCB appeals. • LAO is undergoing modernization and want to learn how to do a better job of imparting services for our client populations. <p><u>Consultation:</u></p> <p>What are some of the barriers that clients have to access LAO services?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is the issue of where people actually connect with legal services. It may be helpful to have targeted consultations with various court support services and at different juncture points.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There may be opportunities to provide new services when the Justice Centres roll out across the province. They are in communication with the Attorney General on how they can do this. • They will continue to ensure there is embedded duty counsel when it comes to individuals with MH&A. Also have duty counsel in jails. • Duty counsel in CNCC has been a huge help for clients but also for staff. Social workers are being asked questions that they cannot answer. • There is a lapse of time between screening to then connecting with duty counsel. • Youth are not getting the support they need in court and do not know how to proceed. There is a concern around youth with mood disorders (depression and anxiety co-occurring) which impacts the court experience for them and the kinds of support they could benefit from. • Those who are financially eligible for ODSP would have automatic to access LAO. Normally if there was a delay, it would be for reasons of legal eligibility. • Transient populations do not have access to a phone to contact LAO. • LAO is looking at developing a new criminal mental health panels – create specialized standards for criminal mental health context. <p>LAO will continue to engage in consultations with the P-HSJCC on these issues.</p>
<p>6) OHTs and Corrections</p>	<p>Yoko and Ming presented on the SolGen Correctional Services outreach efforts with Ontario Health Teams (OHTs):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justice involved individuals have not been called out in OHT guidance documents. • Corrections are attempting to increase awareness of justice-involved individuals as vulnerable populations in the broader health care system. The goal is to build partnerships between OHTs and Correctional Services. • They have been able to show OHTs how many people in their areas are corrections involved - checking in with probation and parole officers. • There were 24 OHTs approved – 11 of them have been consulted. • In the upcoming months, corrections will be connecting with more of the successful teams. • There are a number of OHTs that have not responded. They are encouraged regional reps that may have OHTs in their areas or a connection to these OHTs to try and bring this to their attention. • Discharge planning is a priority for SolGen. Right now, they have the capacity for community service reps to take part of OHTs. Hoping eventually, they can have institutional reps at the table. <p>ACTION: Candace to circulate slidedeck to the P-HSJCC.</p>

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<p>7) Discharge from Distant Court Protocol Project Update</p>	<p>The EA to the ADM of Institutional Services Branch spoke to the P-HSJCC re: The Discharge from Distant Court Protocol file:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This project is not being rolled out any further. DDCPs that currently exist include Ottawa, North Bay, Elgin and the South West. • There are some other arrangements in the North that are already doing this with their police services. • It is not on hold from corporates perspective. The SolGen is encouraging regions to go forward with rolling out any pilots. • They are happy to support any institutions that may be struggling to get their pilot up and running. <p>Elgin Middlesex Detention Centre has taken it upon themselves to roll out a pilot. All of their partners were willing to come together.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Chantler offered to connect with anyone looking to develop a framework for a pilot in their institution/community. <p>ACTION: Bill Chantler will send the London Red Bag Pilot backgrounder to the Secretariat to circulate to the P-HSJCC.</p>
<p>8) Next Steps re: Persons with Lived Experience Engagement Strategy</p>	<p>Tasha provided some background information on the PWLE Engagement strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over the last few years, received feedback from Regional and Local HSJCCs on how they can meaningfully engage with PWLE. • At the November P-HSJCC meeting, we heard from PWLE across the network and facilitated a discussion on next steps for this work. • We would like to strike an advisory committee to oversee the development of a strategy for our network. • At the last Executive Committee Meeting, it was discussed that we would like to move forward with recruiting new members for this committee. • Trevor has volunteered to be a Co-Chair as the P-HSJCC representative. Hoping that that second co-chair will be outside of the network and a PWLE. <p>Next steps for this work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct a preliminary survey to determine what is happening across the network. • The objectives of the strategy will be determined by the advisory committee. • We are hoping to get representation from all of our 14 regions as well as PWLE, who will be provided with honorariums for their time.

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<p>9) Issue Management Sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dual Diagnosis & Justice Clients • GAINQ3 Assessments in Correctional Institutions 	<p>The Secretariat held a two-part issue management session:</p> <p>1) GAIN Q3 Assessments in Correctional Institutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ministries of Health and Solicitor General, and CAMH PSSP are working together to explore the issues around implementation of GAINQ3 training in correctional institutions and will report back to the P-HSJCC with any updates. • There was a suggestion to connect with AMHO on this piece because a lot of residential treatment programs are not accepting clients. • Connex Ontario offered to provide a list of residential treatment centres that are not accepting clients that are justice involved. <p>ACTION: Connex Ontario to conduct a scan of all dual diagnosis services available across the province and a list of residential treatment centres that accept justice involved clients and forward the information to the Secretariat.</p> <p>2) Dual Diagnosis and Justice Clients</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This issue has come up differently for the NWCOR. They have canvassed membership and what they heard was members didn't cite Networks of Specialized Care as reasons for increased caseloads but more as a housing issue. • Biggest areas of concern are around transitional aged youth coming out of the child welfare system that have been deemed eligible for DSO, however the transition planning is not there. • Significant recidivism rates in correctional institutions – now seeing them in safe bed programs. • Local Toronto HSJCC also has discussed this year at their table. There is a disproportionate number of youths who were dual diagnosis clients and are being trafficked. • The TRIP program was originally created for NCR mental health issues but is now being expanded to dual diagnosis clients. • In Ottawa there is a pilot – 6 bed houses specifically for the Royal and John Howard for release from custody dual diagnosis individuals • ConnexOntario could help with the mapping piece. <p>ACTION: The Secretariat to connect with Developmental Services Ontario and Community Networks of Specialized Care on the Dual Diagnosis and Justice issue. The Secretariat to provide updates to the P-HSJCC at the March meeting.</p>

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HSJCC Updates			
10) Updates from Regional HSJCCs and Partners	Regional HSJCC Representatives (Voting Members) *PHSJCC Steering Committee Member		
	HSJCC	Person that provided update	Information Shared
	HNBHN	Trevor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No updates
	Champlain	Joan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No updates
	Durham	Marni	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No updates
	HKPR	Jonathan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No updates
	Halton	Francisco	No updates
	North East	Kamilah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New as Co-Chair. Kerri Grace has stepped down as Co-Chair. Very low engagement with their regional committee at this time.
	North West	Mariah/Jennifer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Been talking about children in care with complex needs. Meeting on Thursday all Nations partners OHT – work of COR intersub with this team. Community Safety and Well being planning standing item on agenda consultation with COR members and other service providers to inform plan.
	Kenora Local	Sara	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jeff Dugan is the new co-chair of the Kenora Local committee Complex needs of children in care was brought up through local risk
Peel	Shelly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MCCRT team went live last week. Struck an advisory committee – regional subcommittee of HSJCC to planning with MCCRT stakeholders Pre-charge diversion is in final 3 months of pilot – hoping to get extended Funding. 	
Simcoe Muskoka	Mary/Debbie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Their last meeting December 5 – family mental health initiative program money leftover in budget – put towards vouchers, kits etc. 	

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	South West	N/A	N/A
	South East	Sharron	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The South East is going through transitional period. Sharron is now stepping up as Chair. Trying to get crisis workers embedded in police departments in their regions.
	Toronto	Steve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Toronto Regional HSJCC will meet on January 22. At this meeting there will be two presentations: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan with Scott McKean, City of Toronto Program Manager 2) Mental Health and Justice Review with Frank Sirotych and Greg Suttor and a Minister Roundtable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you have two things to tell Minister Tibollo about how to improve mental health and justice services, what would they be?
	Waterloo Wellington	Joan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is valuable for their committee is to support local training Initiatives - this builds system capacity.
	York-South Simcoe	Tricia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hosting 3rd lunch and learn tomorrow with ABI and dual diagnosis Noticed that they have not used funds in budget – discussing what to do with leftover funds. Develop a document similar to CMHA Peel that could speak specific their region that helps navigate the system. Added a few standing items to their agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewing their workplan to ensure they are on track Discussion on community resources
Ministry Representatives (Ex-Officio)			
	Ministry	Person that provided update	Information Shared
	CSC	N/A	N/A
	SolGen– Correctional Services	Yoko/Sue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good news announcement – in partnership with MOH they are opening first dedicated unit for women in Ontario Shores for forensic – take women from Vanier.

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SolGen – Public Safety Division	Anjelina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently in development next steps of regulations for the policing standards act.
MOH – Forensic Mental Health	Amy/Mary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mary Mannella is the new manager of the mental health and justice file at MOH. Planning for 2020-2021 – preliminary consultations with partners in SolGen on both sides, Ontario Health. Been working on the provincial toolkit for CCRMs.
MAG	Dena	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bill C73 has been implemented. May be some impact down the line – get Crowns up to speed.
MCCSS	Zoe/Caroline	N/A
Other Members (Ex-Officio)		
Other Members	Person that provided update	Information Shared
CMHA Ontario	Uppala	N/A
LHIN	Mary	N/A
Community Networks of Specialized Care	Lisa H.	N/A
Legal Aid Ontario	AJ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No updates
Connex Ontario	Brad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soft launch of ConnexGo back in July. It has had over 800 downloads. New database is working well – making progress getting all family health teams, nurse practitioners.
OACP	Bill	No additional updates.
Forensic Directors Group		N/A
OPP	Lisa	N/A
CAMH PSSP	Marla	N/A

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	John Howard Society of Ontario	Safiyah	N/A
	Justice for Children and Youth	Samira	N/A
13) Meeting adjournment Next Meeting: TBD March 2020 Location: TBD	<p>The Secretariat to follow up with the table about the scheduling of the March 2020 meeting.</p> <p>The Provincial HSJCC meeting of January 21, 2020 adjourned at approximately 2PM.</p>		