



Provincial Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee Biweekly Updates Minutes

Date: April 14, 2020

Co-Chairs, Policy Support, and HSJCC Secretariat

HSJCC Position	HSJCC Member	✓	R
Provincial Co-Chairs	Katie Almond		R
	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		R
	Satar Wahidi		R
Champlain Regional	Joan Garrow		R
Durham Regional HSJCC	Marni Bell	✓	
Haliburton/Kawartha Lakes/Pine Ridge Regional	Jonathan Hewitt	✓	
Halton Regional	Francisco Truong		R
North East Regional	Kamilah Francis	✓	
	Caitlin Germond	✓	
North West Regional	Mariah Maddock	✓	
	Jennifer Hyslop	✓	
Peel Regional	Shelly Schneider	✓	
Simcoe Muskoka Regional	Mary Martin		R
	Debbie Bigelow		R
South East Regional HSJCC	Sharron Brown	✓	
	Becky Stark	✓	
South West Regional HSJCC	Michele Murray Smith	✓	
Toronto Regional HSJCC	Amber Kellen	✓	
	Domenica Dileo	✓	
Waterloo-Wellington Regional HSJCC	Joan Nandlal		R
	Brooke Young		R
York-South Simcoe Regional HSJCC	Tricia Samaroo		R
	Jason McIlveen	✓	

Ministry Representatives (Ex-Officio)

Ministry	Representative	✓	R
Correctional Service Canada	Jennifer Gravelle		R
Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS)	Julie Erbland		R
	Laura Nacis	✓	
	Zoe Kavoukian-Scharf		R
	Caroline Schulz	✓	

	Stephanie Tousignant	✓	
Ministry of the Solicitor General (SolGen)	Sue Khowessah		R
	Yoko Murphy	✓	
	Anjelina Mattai	✓	
Ministry of Health (MOH)	Dianna Cochrane	✓	
	Amy Herskowitz	✓	
	Kaitlin Yousef	✓	
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		R
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		R
Ontario Provincial Police	Lisa Longworth		R
	Julie Randall		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		R
John Howard Society of Ontario	Safiyah Husein	✓	
	Jacqueline Tasca		R

Summary of Action items from 14 April 2020

1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACTION: The Secretariat will draft a letter for submission to our partner ministers highlighting the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on service delivery across the HSJCC Network. The letter will be circulated to voting members for feedback before submission.
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Item for Discussion	Discussion
<p>1) Welcome and Introductions</p>	<p>Sara welcomed members to the first biweekly P-HSJCC virtual updates meeting on April 14, 2020.</p> <p>This was followed by a roundtable of introductions. There are 10 voting members present.</p>
<p>2) Consent Agenda</p>	<p>The Provincial HSJCC membership reviewed the consent agenda for the meeting of April 14, 2020.</p> <p><u>MOTION:</u> Amber motioned to approve the consent agenda, Trevor seconded.</p>
<p>3) Updates from the Secretariat</p>	<p>The Secretariat provided updates on the action items from the March 25, 2020 meeting:</p> <p>P-HSJCC Submission to Government:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As members will recall from March 25th meeting, there was a discussion on how COVID-19 has been impacting our work across the network. • The P-HSJCC decided it would like to submit a letter to the government outlining the network’s top priorities at this time. This letter included the following requests: adequate PPE for human services and justice sector professionals, additional funding to expand technology and digital solutions; and flexibility around year end surpluses and the reallocation of funds to respond to COVID-19. • The Secretariat drafted this letter and circulated it to voting members for their approval. The letter was submitted to partner ministries two weeks ago. We have received confirmation of receipt from all partner ministries. • The submission can be found on the HSJCC website as well as in the March 25th P-HSJCC Meeting Highlights document. <p>P-HSJCC Resource Page:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a lot of interest from members in accessing a variety of resources to help support our network’s response to COVID-19. • The P-HSJCC developed a webpage which contains relevant COVID-19 updates and resources for the HSJCC Network. The page includes justice system updates related to COVID-19, as well as a comprehensive list of publicly available provincial, federal, municipal and international resources. • Members who wish to submit any additional updates or resources are asked to contact Candace. <p>Engaging Persons with Lived Experience Across the HSJCC Network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretariat has been working on forming an advisory committee which will help to develop a strategy on engaging persons with lived experience across the network. • The advisory committee will meet for the first time tomorrow to discuss their objectives for this work.

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HSJCC Updates			
1) How is COVID-19 affecting service delivery in your region?			
2) Is there any information that you would like to share that could help support the HSJCC Network during this time?			
3) How can the P-HSJCC and Secretariat support you?			
4) Updates from Regional HSJCCs and Partners	Regional HSJCC Representatives (Voting Members)		
	HSJCC	Person that provided update	Information Shared
	HNBHN	Trevor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no updates from co-chairs at this time, however, Hamilton and Niagara’s crisis response services were featured in the news recently. • There has been an increase in calls for their team in which the vast majority were related to COVID-19. • Trevor wondered whether we should be reaching out to Ministry of Long-Term Care given some of our client populations are now increasingly interacting with the long-term care system. • Secretariat can look into this.
	Champlain	N/A	N/A
	Durham	Marni	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no updates from Durham HSJCC as they did not end up meeting in March. • Have been doing a lot of phone and remote support - limiting face to face contact in community.
	HKPR	Jonathan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The biggest challenges right now are related to those being released on remand and trying to find housing and shelter. <p>Wondering if there is anyone from the P-HSJCC that is having similar issues and can offer potential solutions?</p> <p>Michele:</p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At St. Leonard's, they have not been able to do intakes which makes it difficult to place individuals. • Those on statutory release are coming out and would usually access St. Leonard's as a last resort. <p>Mariah:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the North West they are getting creative by bringing together service providers to talk about it. • Ramping up existing discharge process that takes place. • Trying a daily situation table meeting with those service providers. • The City of Thunder Bay is setting up a self isolation shelter
	Halton	N/A	N/A
	North East	Kamilah/ Caitlin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From a CMHA perspective - still providing resources over the phone. • Finding more people have been released from custody. • Have shifted their shelter model and temporarily moving shelter to a hotel. Second phase will be self isolation phase in the hotel. • Next Regional meeting is on Thursday. They will be bringing some of this information to their table. • Hoping to get a better sense of their needs.
	North West	Mariah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They will keep everyone informed on how their approach to the discharge planning and housing support unfolds. • They are now connected with PASAN. It has been helpful to connect with them on the discharge issue. • Regional committee will continue to meet on a biweekly basis for check ins. • The Thunder Bay Joint mobile crisis team does not have mental health staff responding due to a lack of PPE. • It has shifted to virtual support which is a challenge

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	Kenora Local	Sara	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a concern for those still in custody that are on remand and have mental health issues. • They do not have access to support services because agencies have pulled back. • How do we share this information in a coordinated fashion? • Need to think about pandemic planning tables. Need to ensure our messaging is consistent.
	Peel	Shelly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Their safe bed program has a mandatory 14-day isolation. • They are echoing concerns around release from custody piece. Institutions in their area do not use OTN. • They do have staff support crowns and defence for their Alternative Resolution Courts • They are not supporting the MCIT team live but are providing support to police with the mental health piece virtually. • Issue is a lot of individuals do not have enough data to be able to call in or do not even have a phone. • Regional HSJCC is still functioning and trying their best to respond to the COVID-19 situation.
	Simcoe Muskoka	Debbie (provided in advance of meeting)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMHA is requesting for volunteers to be deployed to their ACTT teams and to another outside agency, The Busby Centre. • The CMHA management team meets virtually on a daily basis to discuss updates with the Province and MOH.
	South West	Michele	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are having issues around intake and how to manage that at this time. • Individuals within local institution are not able to call cell phones. • For those who were marginalized before, it is now very pronounced. If you don't have a cell phone in the community then you cannot access support.

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	South East	Sharron/Becky	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kingston area has opened some self isolation beds. HPE is hoping to piggyback on this and open one up. As mentioned, clients do not always have capacity to access virtual services. Trying to figure out how to work through psychiatric assessments at this time.
	Toronto	Amber	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> John Howard initially had a call from with the city shelter housing support. They are working with SolGen to come up with something around discharge planning. One of their jails has provided phone cards for inmates. Unfortunately, the inability to call cell phones in custody is a province wide issue As for support from the Secretariat, perhaps we could look at drafting a letter advocating for some of these issues. They have received some PPE for their halfway houses. The response of the city is eventually going to be under scrutiny as there is no focused effort to address the needs of our populations. The rates of domestic violence charges have soared. Their Partner Assault Response Program is looking to address some of this using virtual technology.
	Waterloo Wellington	N/A	N/A
	York-South Simcoe	Jason	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Now have integration of crisis workers in their call centres – helps to divert caseload for officers. Hand off call back to frontline officers if necessary They are debating as a committee as to whether they should cancel their conference in the fall.

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	Ministry Representatives (Ex-Officio)	
	Ministry	Person that provided update
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	CSC	N/A
	SolGen– Correctional Services	Yoko No Updates.
	SolGen – Public Safety Division	Anjelina Working on emergency orders under Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act.
	MOH	Dianna <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A reminder that there was an investment of \$12 million for mental health supports. The announcement focused on CBT KidsHelpPhone, supports for police etc. • Investment also includes funding for mental health and justice sector agencies that may need to hire additional staff. • Please reach out to Regional Ontario Health office so they are aware of needs in your area.
	MAG	Dena <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still in the process of moving online. • On the HSJCC resource hub, Dena noticed that the court of appeal updates was missing – please include updates.
	MCCSS – Youth Justice Services Division	Caroline No updates
	MCCSS – Community Services Division	Stephanie No updates.
	Other Members (Ex-Officio)	
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	<p>CMHA Ontario</p>	<p>Uppala</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The last letter submitted on behalf of the P-HSJCC reached our intended audiences including Premiere’s Office. • Uppala proposed we should continue to send these types of letters following each biweekly check in meeting. <p>Given the conversations today, our next letter could include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The housing crisis for those being released from custody 2) The Lack of PPE for crisis teams, particularly mental health professionals and shift to virtual care. 3) Lack of discharge planning and tools 4) ell and cannot connect to services and also the inability of individuals to call cell phones from in custody <p>The Secretariat will work on drafting and letter and will circulate to voting members before submission.</p>
	<p>LHIN</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>
	<p>Community Networks of Specialized Care</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>
	<p>Legal Aid Ontario</p>	<p>AJ</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with stakeholders to respond to need of shares clients. • Removed financial eligibility testing for ORB and CCB matters to help ensure matters are dealt with as soon as possible. • Providing funding for temporary absent permits for those in custody.
	<p>Connex Ontario</p>	<p>Brad</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 80% of staff are now working from home. • They ran a report to look at top 5 diagnostic categories they have been contacted about. • They learned that depression was the major reason, but now anxiety disorders have spiked since April.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Since the beginning of March, people have been contacting re: the disruption in the opioid supply system.
	OACP	Bill	N/A
	Forensic Directors Group	N/A	N/A
	OPP	N/A	N/A
	CAMH PSSP	Marla	No updates at this time.
	John Howard Society of Ontario	Safiyah	N/A
	Justice for Children and Youth	N/A	N/A
<p>13) Meeting adjournment</p> <p>Next Biweekly P-HSJCC Updates Meeting: April 28, 2020, 3:00PM-4:00PM via teleconference and Adobe Connect.</p> <p>Next P-HSJCC Full Meeting: TBC May 12, 2020 Location: Remote Participation via Adobe Connect</p>	<p>The Provincial HSJCC meeting of April 14, 2020 adjourned at approximately 4:00PM.</p>		