



# Provincial Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee Biweekly Updates Minutes

Date: April 28, 2020

## Co-Chairs, Policy Support, and HSJCC Secretariat

HSJCC Position	HSJCC Member	✓	R
Provincial Co-Chairs	Katie Almond	✓	
	Sara Dias		R
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	✓	
Durham Regional HSJCC	Marni Bell	✓	
Haliburton/Kawartha Lakes/Pine Ridge Regional	Jonathan Hewitt	✓	
Halton Regional	Chondrena Viera-Martin	✓	
North East Regional	Kamilah Francis	✓	
	Caitlin Germond	✓	
North West Regional	Mariah Maddock	✓	
	Jennifer Hyslop	✓	
Peel Regional	Shelly Schneider	✓	
Simcoe Muskoka Regional	Mary Martin	✓	
	Debbie Bigelow		R
South East Regional HSJCC	Sharron Brown	✓	
	Becky Stark	✓	
South West Regional HSJCC	Michele Murray Smith	✓	
	Amber Kellen	✓	
Toronto Regional HSJCC	Susan Davis		R
	Melissa Perez	✓	
	Joan Nandlal		
Waterloo-Wellington Regional HSJCC	Brooke Young		R
	Tricia Samaroo		R
York-South Simcoe Regional HSJCC	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		<b>R</b>
	Stephanie Tousignant	✓	
<b>Ministry of the Solicitor General (SolGen)</b>	Sue Khowessah		<b>R</b>
	Yoko Murphy	✓	
	Anjelina Mattai	✓	
<b>Ministry of Health (MOH)</b>	Dianna Cochrane	✓	
	Amy Herskowitz	✓	
	Kaitlin Yousef	✓	
<b>Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG)</b>	Rebecca Law		<b>R</b>
	Dena Bonnet	✓	

**Other Members (Ex-Officio)**

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

**Summary of Action items from 28 April 2020**

1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>ACTION:</u></b> 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.</li> </ul>
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**Minutes from P-HSJCC Meeting of April 28, 2020**

Item for Discussion	Discussion
1) <b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	<p>Katie welcomed members to biweekly P-HSJCC virtual updates meeting of April 28, 2020.</p> <p>This was followed by a roundtable of introductions. There are 13 voting members present.</p>
2) <b>Consent Agenda</b>	<p>The Provincial HSJCC membership reviewed the consent agenda for the meeting of April 28, 2020.</p> <p><b><u>MOTION:</u></b> Sharron motioned to approve the consent agenda, Trevor seconded.</p>
3) <b>Updates from the Secretariat</b>	<p>The Secretariat provided updates to the P-HSJCC:</p> <p><b>P-HSJCC Submission to Government:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Based on our discussions from the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, the P-HSJCC decided to move forward with submitting a letter to our partner ministries following biweekly P-HSJCC check in meetings.</li> <li>• The letters would reflect the ongoing and emerging issues across the network and will urge the government to consider our top priorities and issues during the pandemic.</li> <li>• Following this meeting, the Secretariat drafted a letter that included the following issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Housing crisis for individuals leaving correctional facilities</li> <li>➤ Inadequate PPE for Mobile Crisis Intervention Teams</li> <li>➤ The Impact of Cell phone-related Restrictions on Service Provision</li> <li>➤ Lack of release from custody planning and appropriate tools for reintegration.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The letter was circulated to voting members for their feedback and approval and was submitted shortly thereafter. It has been included in the meeting package as well as the HSJCC website.</li> <li>• We have received confirmation that they have received this letter and will officially respond in writing to our concerns.</li> </ul> <p><b>Future Use of Adobe Connect Platform:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Over the past year, the P-HSJCC has used CMHA Ontario's Adobe Connect account, however we will no longer be able to use this as our meeting and webinar platform.</li> <li>• The Secretariat will be looking at purchasing our own Adobe Connect. The only major change would be a limitation of 100 participants.</li> <li>• Unfortunately, we are not able to use Zoom as some of our police partners are banned from accessing the platform.</li> </ul> <p><b>HSJCC Secretariat Staffing Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The HSJCC Secretariat's project manager, Joseph Szamuhel, will be leaving CMHA Ontario.</li> </ul>

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**Item for Discussion**

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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
<b>HNBHN</b>	Trevor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Co-chairs have raised one of their main concerns is within the jails and not being able to call cell phones along with proper discharge planning.</li> <li>Individuals in forensic units now have very restricted movements which now adds to the stress of being there.</li> </ul>
<b>Champlain</b>	Joan G.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued to work with mobile crisis teams – supporting mental health in police service any way they can.</li> <li>Group homes – different rules from different ministries.</li> <li>From a HSJCC perspective, plan to move ahead with regularly scheduled meeting via Zoom.</li> </ul>
<b>Durham</b>	Marni	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No updates from Durham HSJCC</li> </ul>
<b>HKPR</b>	Jonathan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No updates from HKPR.</li> </ul>
<b>Halton</b>	Chondrena	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Haven't had a meeting as of yet – will try in May.</li> <li>PAR programming – cases are piling up.</li> </ul>
<b>North East</b>	Kamilah/ Caitlin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NE Regional held a meeting 2 weeks ago. Goal right now is to focus on engaging more people at the table.</li> <li>Looking at how they can support individuals being released from custody in terms of housing.</li> </ul>
<b>North West</b>	Mariah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Group of over 20 partners to discuss discharge planning for being released from custody.</li> <li>Operationalized COVID-19 release from custody with corrections centres.</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incorporated principles from situation table for the information sharing to happen.</li> <li>• Active involvement from Indigenous partners re: issues on return to home community.</li> <li>• Working with DSAB to dedicate some short-term housing units for persons being released.</li> </ul>
	<b>Peel</b>	Shelly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Haven't had a Regional meeting yet.</li> <li>• CMHA has moved to completely different service model. Currently looking at 3 pillar model, with exception of ACTT, RAAM and justice. Referrals filtered through a triage.</li> <li>• MCCRT is back on the road – great opportunity to support individuals in real time.</li> <li>• Safe bed program is going by a 14-day isolation policy. The good news is they have extended the stay for up to 30 days.</li> <li>• OCI – all residents have been transferred to Toronto South.</li> <li>• Still getting diversion referrals and remand release from custody referrals through Alternative Resolution Court.</li> </ul>
	<b>Simcoe Muskoka</b>	Mary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cancelled March meeting. Next meeting is scheduled for June. They are looking for looking at alternative formats.</li> <li>• Same challenges as other regions around transportation and housing.</li> <li>• Release from custody program is still making referrals – one of CMHA workers is able to get the office number to cell phone to get collect calls from the jail.</li> </ul>
	<b>South West</b>	Michele	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Looking at virtual options.</li> </ul>
	<b>South East</b>	Sharron/Becky	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MCCRT team out of Kingston was able to continue on during this crisis.</li> <li>• The collaborative model with OPP – worker is still accepting referrals even though not in detachment. Able to arrange site services for those who need them.</li> <li>• Fair number of referrals from officer.</li> </ul>
	<b>Toronto</b>	Amber	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safe beds are not taking any new clients. Having trouble getting folks into detox. Increasingly individuals have nowhere to go.</li> </ul>

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<b>Waterloo Wellington</b>	Joan		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Had to cancel their last Regional meeting.</li> <li>Seeing similar issues as in other communities.</li> </ul>
<b>York-South Simcoe</b>	Jason		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Still meeting as a regional committee.</li> </ul>
<b>Ministry Representatives (Ex-Officio)</b>			
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<b>CSC</b>	N/A	N/A	
<b>SolGen– Correctional Services</b>	Yoko	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hopefully the response coming from deputy minister will speak to more things.</li> <li>Working with community partners and ministry partners around issues being discussed today, particularly around discharge planning and cell phone restrictions.</li> </ul>	
<b>SolGen – Public Safety Division</b>	N/A	N/A	
<b>MOH</b>	Dianna	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Branch has been working with emergency operations around congregate living strategy and guidance documents.</li> <li>Making sure mental health and justice and forensic populations are included in these.</li> <li>Working quite a bit on pandemic pay and ensuring our groups are included in this.</li> <li>With regards to forensic restrictions, this had to be done to keep prioritize safety in the beginning.</li> </ul>	

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	<b>Forensic Directors Group</b>	Michelle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting via zoom weekly to discuss COVID-19 concerns and to share information</li> <li>One hospital only that has positive COVID cases at the moment.</li> </ul>
	<b>OPP</b>	N/A	N/A
	<b>CAMH PSSP</b>	N/A	No updates
	<b>John Howard Society of Ontario</b>	Safiyah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>John Howard branches across the province are having similar issues around discharge planning and access to housing.</li> </ul>
	<b>Justice for Children and Youth</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>13) Meeting adjournment</b>  <b>Next Biweekly P-HSJCC Updates Meeting: May 12, 2020 P-HSJCC</b>	The Provincial HSJCC meeting of April 28, 2020 adjourned at approximately 4:00PM.		