



Provincial Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee Biweekly Updates Minutes

Date: May 12, 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	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		R
Haliburton/Kawartha Lakes/Pine Ridge Regional	Jonathan Hewitt		R
	Teryl Hoefel	✓	
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		R
	Becky Stark		R
South West Regional HSJCC	Michele Murray Smith	✓	
Toronto Regional HSJCC	Amber Kellen		R
	Susan Davis	✓	
	Melissa Perez		R
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	Krista Fraser		R
Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS)	Julie Erbland		R
	Laura Nacis	✓	
	Zoe Kavoukian-Scharf	✓	
	Caroline Schulz		R

	Stephanie Tousignant	✓	
Ministry of the Solicitor General (SolGen)	Sue Khowessah		R
	Yoko Murphy	✓	
	Anjelina Mattai	✓	
	Dianna Cochrane	✓	
Ministry of Health (MOH)	Amy Herskowitz	✓	
	Kaitlin Yousef	✓	
	Rebecca Law		R
Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG)	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		R
	Julie Randall		R
Forensic Directors Group	Michelle Davidson	✓	
Centre for Addiction and Mental Health	Marla Banning		R
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 12 May 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
1) Welcome and Introductions	<p>Katie welcomed members to the Biweekly P-HSJCC Updates Meeting of May 12, 2020.</p> <p>This was followed by a roundtable of introductions. There are 11 of 14 voting members present.</p>
2) Consent Agenda	<p>The Provincial HSJCC membership reviewed the consent agenda for the meeting of May 12, 2020.</p> <p><u>MOTION:</u> Joan G. motioned to approve the consent agenda, Chondrena seconded.</p>
3) Updates from the Secretariat	<p>The Secretariat provided updates to the P-HSJCC:</p> <p>P-HSJCC Submissions to Government:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretariat submitted a third letter on May 7 that focused on the backlog of the courts and the impacts on our network. • MCCSS has responded to all 3 letters and has indicated where their investments have supported our priority populations. • MAG has responded to third letter commending our work and have indicated they will continue to work with all partner ministries to ensure the health and safety of our populations during this time. • CMHA Ontario will be speaking with Minister Tibollo this week and will share their response with the table. • SolGen will be releasing a memo sharing information on changes to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in correctional institutions. The memo will be sent to MOH and circulated to key stakeholders. This will be shared with the P-HSJCC once released. <p>HSJCC Network Survey re: Emerging Issues in Domestic Violence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In recent conversations with the Ontario Association of Interval and Transition Houses (OAITH), they have expressed concerns re: the increased risk of domestic violence issues and lack of safety and support during COVID. • The Secretariat circulated a survey to P-HSJCC voting members to receive feedback on some of these issues. • Preliminary results from the survey indicate that these issues are not consistent across province or hadn't been flagged by Regional HSJCCs at this time. <p>Key themes From the Survey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Release from custody and temporary absence permits: who assess risk? Who contacts victim? Who provides housing to support this population?

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women have harder time to reach out for support at this time. • Increase in DV calls in some regions, decrease in other regions. Are women not able to reach out to police right now? • Service providers are hearing about an increase in stressors around COVID-19 which is playing a part in increasing relationship stressors. • Some service providers concerned about backlog for PAR programs and how this will be dealt with when courts re-open. • Legal Aid Ontario recognizes the increased need for support for persons experiencing DV at this time. • LAO has removed all legal and financial eligibility criteria for survivors of DV. Please refer to LAO website for more information: https://www.legalaid.on.ca/services/domestic-abuse/ <p><u>P-HSJCC Discussion re: Next Steps:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What would the P-HSJCC like to do, if anything, moving forward on this issue? Is the P-HSJCC interested in a joint submission with OAITH on some of these issues? • There are concerns that although anecdotally we have heard concerns re: an increase in domestic violence and the inability to support survivors at this time, we do not have any data to support the evidence. • Are system issues that we can practically address right now without needing the long-term data to approach this issue? • What we can lay out in a letter is address the things we do know right now: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ We do not have the capacity to measure the impact right now, however, we would like to see this tracked consistently across the province. ➢ We know that there is a heightened risk during COVID-19 and that it is evidence based. ➢ We also know that the gaps in communication between systems and victim notification is something that can be addressed at this time. ➢ Shifting the PAR Program to virtual means is not supported by our membership. <p>The Secretariat will work on laying out some of these issues in a letter, consult further with OAITH and bring it back to the table.</p>

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4) Discussion re: The Mental Health Commission of Canada's Inventory on Reintegration Supports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Mental Health Commission of Canada (MHCC) is currently working on their mental health and justice strategy. As part of this work, they are looking to create a national inventory on reintegration supports and tools and to create a public facing resource. They have reached out to the HSJCC to see whether a) an inventory similar to exists in Ontario b) there would be enough resources to fill an inventory The Secretariat has encouraged MHCC to connect with John Howard Society and Elizabeth Fry Society <p>Any member who may know of these resources are encouraged to contact the Secretariat.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brad offered to check their databases for this information. Michele suggested we refer to specialized courts document as they may have a list

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- 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?

5) Updates from Regional HSJCCs and Partners	Regional HSJCC Representatives (Voting Members)		
	HSJCC	Person that provided update	Information Shared
HNBHN	Trevor	• No updates	
Champlain	Joan G.	• Going ahead with Regional meeting next week via Zoom.	
Durham	N/A	N/A	
HKPR	Teryl	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Going ahead with Regional meeting at the end of the month Locals are meeting as well. 	
Halton	Chondrena	• Next meeting is scheduled for June	
North East	Kamilah/ Caitlin	• Moving forward with a District Local meeting – may have more to share after that.	

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	North West/Kenora	Mariah/Sara	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group of senior leaders meeting to discuss release from custody. • Holding daily meetings to do discharge planning for releases from Thunder Bay District Jail and the Correctional Centre • Establishing clear pathways into short term accommodations • First Nations members can't return home with emergency closures. • Must self-isolate for 14 days – this is impossible in shelters. Looking at how to help return them to their community. • Some being released to other areas of region without support – communicating with other areas <p>Kenora:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Release from custody hot issue. No clear understanding of the role of discharge planners in facilities. • Looking at how to communicate with LAO around bail releases to make sure all the information is being shared with court prior to release. • Having conversations around whether their area needs to revive discussions re: Red Bag program?
	Peel	Shelly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional meeting at the end of the month.
	Simcoe Muskoka	Mary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMHA has initiated a COVID-19 prioritization team • Booking Regional meeting for mid June • CNCC finding quick releases very challenging in terms of release planning
	South West	Michele	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning on having a Regional Meeting in June • Local detention centre – individuals are given a 20-dollar prepaid phone card. 40 cents a minute doesn't last long.
	South East	N/A	N/A
	Toronto	Susan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Regional meeting is at the end of June • Focusing on release and reintegration

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are Not many options for housing. Short-term supports are difficult, nothing else after that. • Risks associated with COVID: At the Downtown Local HSJCC they are looking at the experience of clients in the system, risks different for each individual, community spread, staying safe in community. • There is lots of confusion around assessing risk.
Waterloo Wellington	N/A	N/A
York-South Simcoe	Jason	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start of COVID they embedded a crisis worker in call centre • They now have 30 days of data. • The warm transfer from dispatcher to crisis worker has resulted in a 69% diversion rate. • Many calls resolved on phone. Will submit business plan in embed f/t crisis worker in dispatch centre.
Ministry Representatives (Ex-Officio)		
Ministry	Person that provided update	Information Shared
CSC	N/A	•
SolGen– Correctional Services	Yoko	No updates
SolGen – Public Safety Division	Anjelina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Safety & Wellbeing Planning: every municipality mandated to have plan by Jan. 1, 2021. • Amendments were made in April to extend deadline. New deadline hasn't been determined yet
MOH	Dianna	No updates
MAG	Dena	No updates

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	MCCSS – Youth Justice Services Division	Zoe	No updates
	MCCSS – Community Services Division	Stephanie	No updates
	Other Members (Ex-Officio)		
	Other Members	Person that provided update	Information Shared
	CMHA Ontario	Uppala	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to support branches in terms of infrastructure Release of guidelines for community mental health and addictions services on emergency operations centre Working with ministry partners to get some movement on release from custody issues specifically around housing Will work with OAITH to draft letter on DV related issues. No further issues from today's meeting to include in a letter.
	LHIN	Mary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring people are safe in long term care and congregate living. Virtual visits have started – IT has been an issue in terms of mental health. Doing a lot of wellness checks in the community.
	Community Networks of Specialized Care	N/A	N/A
	Legal Aid Ontario	A.J.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check LAO's website for removal of financial and legal eligibility requirements when it comes to DV supports LAO continues to fund matters such as bail reviews and temporary absence applications in the correctional context
	Connex Ontario	Brad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working closely with COVID-19 response table

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ontario health corporations, ministries and 5 of Minister Tibollo's staff Daily report: 2820 programs have changed operations because of COVID. Many programs on hold.
	OACP	Brad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No updates
	Forensic Directors Group	Michelle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FDG meets weekly for information sharing re: COVID-19 Cautiously starting to do recovery planning
	OPP	N/A	N/A
	CAMH PSSP	N/A	N/A
	John Howard Society of Ontario	Safiyah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No updates at this time.
	Justice for Children and Youth	N/A	N/A
13) Meeting adjournment Next Biweekly P-HSJCC Updates Meeting: May 12, 2020 P-HSJCC	The Provincial HSJCC meeting of May 12, 2020 adjourned at approximately 4:00PM.		