



Provincial Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee Biweekly Updates Minutes

Date: May 26, 2020

Co-Chairs, Policy Support, and HSJCC Secretariat

HSJCC Position	HSJCC Member	✓	R
Provincial Co-Chairs	Katie Almond		R
	Sara Dias		R
Policy Support (CMHA Ontario)	Christine Conrad	✓	
HSJCC Secretariat	Candace Vena, Project Manager	✓	
	Tasha Rennie, Communications & Engagement Officer	✓	
	Vacant, 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
	Amanda Richmond on behalf of Satar Wahidi	✓	
Champlain Regional	Joan Garrow	✓	
Durham Regional HSJCC	Marni Bell		R
Haliburton/Kawartha Lakes/Pine Ridge Regional	Jonathan Hewitt	✓	
Halton Regional	Chondrena Viera-Martin	✓	
North East Regional	Kamilah Francis	✓	
	Caitlin Germond		R
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		R
South West Regional HSJCC	Michele Murray Smith	✓	
Toronto Regional HSJCC	Amber Kellen	✓	
	Susan Davis	✓	
	Melissa Perez		R
Waterloo-Wellington Regional HSJCC	Joan Nandlal		R
	Brooke Young		R
York-South Simcoe Regional HSJCC	Tricia Samaroo	✓	
	Jason McIlveen	✓	

Ministry Representatives (Ex-Officio)

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

	Caroline Schulz		R
	Stephanie Tousignant	✓	
Ministry of the Solicitor General (SolGen)	Sue Khowessah		R
	Yoko Murphy	✓	
	Anjelina Mattai	✓	
Ministry of Health (MOH)	Dianna Cochrane		R
	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	✓	
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 26 May 2020

1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACTION: The Secretariat to send out an updated template for Regional and Local HSJCCs to complete their reporting. The deadline for annual report submissions has been extended until August 1, 2020.
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Minutes from P-HSJCC Meeting of May 26, 2020

Item for Discussion	Discussion
1) Welcome and Introductions	<p>Uppala welcomed Candace Vena in her new role as the Project Manager for the HSJCC Secretariat.</p> <p>Candace opened the biweekly P-HSJCC virtual updates meeting of May 26, 2020.</p> <p>This was followed by a roundtable of introductions. There were 15 voting members present, representing 12 of the 14 regions.</p>
2) Consent Agenda	<p>The Provincial HSJCC membership reviewed the consent agenda for the meeting of May 26, 2020.</p> <p><u>MOTION:</u> Trevor motioned to approve the consent agenda, Joan Garrow 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"> • The P-HSJCC has submitted four letters to government detailing the impacts of COVID-19 on the human services and justice sectors. • The fourth submission was made yesterday, which focused on the domestic violence issues discussed at the previous meeting. • The P-HSJCC previously received responses from MAG and MCSS. They have now received a response from the MOH which is included in the meeting package. <p>Network Reporting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The P-HSJCC has been in conversations with the MOH about flexibility with regards to the reporting process in light of COVID. The deadline for reporting has now been extended to August 1st. • The Secretariat has also been updating the template for reporting. • The Secretariat will send out the updated template and more details about the extended deadline. <p>HSJCC Webinars</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The P-HSJCC will resume their regular webinars on May 27 with a presentation by CLEO. • Members are encouraged to reach out with any requests or ideas for future webinars.
HSJCC Updates	
<p>1) How is COVID-19 affecting service delivery in your region?</p> <p>2) Is there any information that you would like to share that could help support the HSJCC Network during this time?</p> <p>3) How can the P-HSJCC and Secretariat support you?</p>	

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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"> • They are having issues finding a virtual platform that everyone can agree to meet on. • In Niagara, COAST teams are getting ready to get back on the road. • In Hamilton, they need more direction in terms of what returning to normal will look like for the criminal justice sector.
	Champlain	Joan G.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courts aren't ramping up until July 5th. • They are having issues with movement in and out of group homes and trying to find people stable housing. • People being released on bail without supports is creating issues.
	Durham	N/A	N/A
	HKPR	Jonathan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are having issues relating to people being released from custody and becoming homeless. Emergency shelters are at capacity. • There is an increase in people seeking more mental health services as things begin to open up. • They've had an increase in referrals to community support court, though the open date is still to be determined.
	Halton	Chondrena	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are hearing the court will be dealing with out of custody matters soon but are still waiting for direction. • There is an increase in service demands now that people are hearing that counselling will be available again. Services aren't able to meet social distancing needs yet.
	North East	Kamilah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They had a meeting with their Sudbury HSJCC to see what agencies are doing, and they will meet again in July. • Many agencies are not prepared to open yet.
	North West	Mariah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They have two groups meeting to plan for people getting released from Thunder Bay District Jail and Correctional Centre.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Their diversion program is still very busy despite virtual court.
	Peel	Shelly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They have not met yet in Peel, so there are no updates.
	Simcoe Muskoka	Mary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are struggling with people being released from video court that day and needing discharge plans and beds. • They are working on their Annual Report.
	South West	Michele	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are having similar release from custody and court issues as other regions. • The locals in the south west are close to launching their Drug Treatment Court, which was pushed back with COVID.
	South East	Sharron	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They had their regional meeting and heard similar issues as other regions. • There is a lot of anxiety around court date extension in July. • There has been increase in requests for the mobile crisis unit. • They are dealing with release from custody without support or discharge planning. • The regional committee is discussing how to do training virtually.
	Toronto	Susan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They have done a lot of evaluations for local tables and are checking in with staff about their capacity to join virtual meetings. • They are having similar issues as other regions. • They are trying to get Corrections more involved in conversations so that they can better connect people with services.
	Waterloo Wellington	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
	York-South Simcoe	Jason	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They have embedded a crisis worker into their call centre at YRP, which has led to a high diversion rate. • As they bring more people back to work in the office, it is creating space issues. • They are having an issue with funding for mileage claims for crisis workers driving their own cars as a part of MCRTs.
Ministry Representatives (Ex-Officio)			

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	CSC	Krista	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Things have slowed down in institutions. They only have one outbreak which has been resolved. • They are continuing to provide services in community by phone and video.
	SolGen– Correctional Services	Yoko	No updates
	SolGen – Public Safety Division	Anjelina	No updates
	MOH	Amy/Kaitlin	No updates
	MAG	Dena	No updates
	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"> • They are working with AMHO, CMHO to clarify the pandemic pay situation. • They've received good direction on use of Narcans amid COVID. They are not considered aerosolized.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Given that there doesn't seem to be a new issue emerging from today's discussions, the P-HSJCC will forego putting together a submission to partner ministries at this time.
	LHIN	N/A	No updates
	Community Networks of Specialized Care	Lisa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They are hearing similar issues. Dual diagnosis case managers continue to work virtually. There is a lot of anxiety around what is happening in the court system. Housing continues to be a major challenge for people released early or on bail. There is pressure from courts to find services despite low intake capacity. There is a need for specialized clinical services.
	Legal Aid Ontario	N/A	No updates
	Connex Ontario	Brad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They are seeing an increase in people contacting Connex, and anxiety is now the top issue. Alcohol remains the top substance issue, but they are seeing an increase in stimulant use. Connex has moved to a new building in London.
	OACP	N/A	N/A
	Forensic Directors Group	Joan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provincial programs are moving towards recovery planning. They are easing their initial COVID response and meeting less frequently.
	OPP	N/A	N/A
	CAMH PSSP	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAMH is going through a three-phase plan to return to services.
	John Howard Society of Ontario	Safiyah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> John Howard branches across the province are having similar issues around discharge planning and access to housing. Their Civil Legal Needs Project is wrapping up year one and will release a report this summer.
	Justice for Children and Youth	N/A	N/A

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<p>13) Meeting adjournment</p> <p>Next Biweekly P-HSJCC Updates Meeting: June 9, 2020 P-HSJCC</p>	<p>The Provincial HSJCC meeting of May 26, 2020 adjourned at approximately 4:00PM.</p>