



Provincial Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee Biweekly Updates Minutes

Date: June 9, 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	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
	Satar Wahidi		R
Champlain Regional	Joan Garrow		R
Durham Regional HSJCC	Marni Bell	✓	
Haliburton/Kawartha Lakes/Pine Ridge Regional	Jonathan Hewitt		R
	Teryl Hoefel	✓	
Halton Regional	Chondrena Viera-Martin		R
North East Regional	Kamilah Francis	✓	
	Caitlin Germond		R
North West Regional	Mariah Maddock	✓	
	Jennifer Hyslop	✓	
Peel Regional	Shelly Schneider		R
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	✓	
	Susan Davis		R
	Melissa Perez		R
Waterloo-Wellington Regional HSJCC	Joan Nandlal		R
	Brooke Young		R
York-South Simcoe Regional HSJCC	Tricia Samaroo		R
	Jason McIlveen		R

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		R
	Caroline Schulz	✓	
	Ryan Hodgson	✓	
	Stephanie Tousignant	✓	
Ministry of the Solicitor General (SolGen)	Sue Khowessah		R
	Yoko Murphy	✓	
	Anjelina Mattai		R
Ministry of Health (MOH)	Dianna Cochrane		R
	Amy Herskowitz	✓	
	Kaitlin Yousef	✓	
Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG)	Rebecca Law	✓	
	Dena Bonnet		R

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		R
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		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 9 June 2020

1	<u>ACTION:</u> Members are asked to send any additional questions they would like to include in the letter to SolGen to the Secretariat by end of day Tuesday, July 9. The Secretariat will then send the letter to SolGen.
2	<u>ACTION:</u> The Secretariat will share information about changes to organizations' insurance policies that would exclude the current pandemic and other global diseases. Members are asked to review their organizations' insurance policy to determine whether this issue impacts the community justice sectors.

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Item for Discussion		Discussion		
1) Welcome and Introductions		<p>Katie welcomed members to the P-HSJCC biweekly virtual updates meeting of June 9, 2020.</p> <p>This was followed by a roundtable of introductions. There were 9 voting members present, representing 8 of the 14 regions.</p>		
2) Consent Agenda		<p>The Provincial HSJCC membership reviewed the consent agenda for the meeting of June 9, 2020.</p> <p>MOTION: Sharron B. motioned to approve the consent agenda, Trevor seconded.</p>		
3) Updates from the Secretariat		<p>The Secretariat provided updates to the P-HSJCC:</p> <p>Draft Letter to Ministry of the Solicitor General re: Information Share Memo on Release from Correctional Institutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SolGen released two communiques on changes to the Ministry of Correctional Services Act that have been implemented to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in correctional institutions.. • These memos were shared with the P-HSJCC and voting members were asked to share any questions they had re: the memo with the Secretariat. • These questions have been incorporated into a letter responding to SolGen and seeking further clarification. • The Provincial HSJCC did not have any concerns sharing the letter. <p>ACTION: Members are asked to send any additional questions to the Secretariat by end of day Tuesday, July 9. The Secretariat will then send the letter to government.</p>		
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>				
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"> • Question from Niagara local: How are people communicating with lawyers, detention centre staff when you are not supposed to be using client names over email?

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			Durham Regional HSJCC: Marni advised they have weekly call ins with Crown attorneys and teams. A referral email is set up for justice partners to email information to Durham Mental Health Services. Marni to forward this information to Trevor.
	Champlain	N/A	N/A
	Durham	Marni	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Durham HSJCC meeting at the end of May. • Did a lot of information sharing – experiencing similar issues as others across the province • Meeting again in a month – good idea to connect once things start to reopen to connect re: any issues
	HKPR	Teryl	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HKPR Regional just met on May 29th • Some of their locals are also meeting. • Decided to meet again on June 26th • Hosting a webinar this Friday on tiny homes as a solution to housing challenges in Peterborough. Part of research done with HSJCC funding. • Regional members are providing virtual support and beginning to talk about how to provide in person support safely.
	Halton	N/A	N/A
	North East	Kamilah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still doing things virtually mostly. Looking at next steps in terms of reopening agencies. • North East is on phase two now.
	North West	Mariah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating direct pathways into isolation shelter. Now directly in touch with jail and detention centre. • Thunder Bay Jail is willing to give phones to clients before they are released. • The Local HSJCC is part of a discharge planning task force in Thunder Bay. Some individuals are reluctant to provide consent. Now focusing on post-custody referrals. • Challenges in funding transportation from the institution to the individual's home community.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Thunder Bay policy prevents people from residing with their surety if their name is not on the lease. They have reached out to their DSSAB but still have issues. In other areas, have you encountered a policy that prevents people from residing with local surety if their name isn't on the lease? Is it unique to the North West? Kenora District, Southwest all have this issue as well. If anyone else comes across this issue, please follow up with Mariah.
		Sara	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kenora table has been meeting on a biweekly basis to look at release from custody issues since COVID-19. Main issues have been a lack of accountability of who oversees discharge planning out of local institutions. 2 positive COVID-19 cases at Kenora Jail. Concern about how clients inside are being tested. Those who are there less than 10 days may not be tested. Wondering if this can somehow be clarified by SOLGEN. <p>ACTION: Members to send any additional questions to the Secretariat to include in the letter to SOLGEN by end of day.</p>
	Peel	N/A	N/A
	Simcoe Muskoka	Debbie (shared before meeting)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barrie courthouse is scheduled to re open on July 6 however, all of the other satellite courts will remain closed (midland, Orillia and Collingwood). Minimal staff at the courthouse and for ones that can work from home will continue to do so. Only one Ontario Court of Justice courtroom and one Superior Court of Justice courtroom will be open. Prioritization Team at CMHA continues to discuss what a partial re opening will look like moving forward.
	South West	Michele	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same issues as others with discharge and release from custody. They are also in phase two – what is that going to look like as things start to open up.

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South East	Sharron	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Difficulties with improper release plans with release from custody continue as an issue for the South East 	
Toronto	Amber	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JHSO's trailer is still closed and they are trying to establish a new site working with a city councillor. Re-opening announcements are not pertinent to Toronto Shelter system continues to see changes in capacity without receiving new space. Encampment continues to grow. 	
Waterloo Wellington	N/A	N/A	
York-South Simcoe	N/A	N/A	
Ministry Representatives (Ex-Officio)			
Ministry	Person that provided update	Information Shared	
CSC	Krista	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Krista's last day in this role. Lorena Watson will be taking over. Krista will provide the Secretariat with Lorena's contact information and connect her to receive an orientation. 	
SolGen– Correctional Services	Yoko	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People are being offered testing inside. Not aware of a 10-day requirement but individuals are offered to stay in an intake unit for 10 days 	
SolGen – Public Safety Division	N/A	N/A	
MOH	Amy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with partners on mobile crisis response teams toolkit and framework. Next meeting is Thursday this week. 	
MAG	Rebecca	No updates	
MCCSS – Youth Justice Services Division	Caroline	No updates	

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	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"> • CMHA Ontario was informed many insurance companies are looking for ways to protect themselves during pandemic. • Many providers have added exclusionary language to their policies related to pandemics and infectious diseases. • AVIVA used predominantly in health care has put an exclusion around COVID and other pandemics. • Looking to see if other agencies are aware of this and if there has been changes to their policies. We will need to flag this to government. <p>ACTION: The Secretariat will send an email to the table to remind members to review their insurance policies and determine if this is an issue we should act on.</p>
	LHIN	N/A	N/A
	Community Networks of Specialized Care	Lisa	<p>No major updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remaining in custody for lengthy periods of time due to delay • Agencies aren't doing intakes due to COVID
	Legal Aid Ontario	A.J.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A.J. announced he is leaving LAO. • Not sure who the replacement will be but can connect with Director Marcus Pratt. • His last project was to increase the funding for CCB appeals while people are languishing in hospitals while awaiting their appeals.
	Connex Ontario	N/A	N/A
	OACP	N/A	N/A

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	Forensic Directors Group	N/A	N/A
	OPP	N/A	N/A
	CAMH PSSP	N/A	N/A
	John Howard Society of Ontario	Safiyah	No updates
	Justice for Children and Youth	N/A	N/A
13) Meeting adjournment	The Provincial HSJCC meeting of June 9, 2020 adjourned at approximately 3:45PM.		
Next Biweekly P-HSJCC Updates Meeting: June 23, 2020			