



Provincial Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee Biweekly Updates Minutes

Date: June 23, 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	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	✓	
	Satar Wahidi		R
Champlain Regional	Joan Garrow	✓	
Durham Regional HSJCC	Marni Bell		R
Haliburton/Kawartha Lakes/Pine Ridge Regional	Jonathan Hewitt	✓	
	Teryl Hoefel		R
Halton Regional	Chondrena Viera-Martin	✓	
	Francisco Truong	✓	
North East Regional	Kamilah Francis		R
	Caitlin Germond	✓	
North West Regional	Jennifer Hyslop		R
Peel Regional	Shelly Schneider	✓	
	Sinthusha Panchalingam	✓	
Simcoe Muskoka Regional	Mary Martin	✓	
	Debbie Bigelow		R
South East Regional HSJCC	Sharron Brown	✓	
	Becky Stark		R
South West Regional HSJCC	Michele Murray Smith		R
Toronto Regional HSJCC	Amber Kellen		R
	Susan Davis		R
	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	Lorena Watson	✓	
Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS)	Julie Erbland		R
	Laura Nacis		R

	Zoe Kavoukian-Scharf	✓	
	Caroline Schulz		R
	Ryan Hodgson	✓	
	Stephanie Tousignant	✓	
Ministry of the Solicitor General (SolGen)	Sue Khowessah		R
	Yoko Murphy	✓	
	Anjelina Mattai	✓	
Ministry of Health (MOH)	Dianna Cochrane	✓	
	Amy Herskowitz		R
	Kaitlin Yousef	✓	
Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG)	Rebecca Law	✓	
	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	TBD		
Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police	Bill Chantler		R
Ontario Provincial Police	Lisa Longworth	✓	
	Julie Randall		R
Forensic Directors Group	Michelle Davidson	✓	
Centre for Addiction and Mental Health	Marla Banning	✓	
Justice for Children and Youth	Mary Birdsell	✓	
	Samira Ahmed		R
John Howard Society of Ontario	Safiyah Husein	✓	
	Jacqueline Tasca		R

Summary of Action items from 23 June 2020

1	<u>ACTION:</u> The Secretariat to send an updated reporting template to Regional and Local HSJCC chairs, followed by an invitation to participate in an orientation webinar on the HSJCC Network's reporting process.
2	<u>ACTION:</u> The Secretariat will prepare a briefing note for the P-HSJCC which will provide a summary of the changes surrounding insurance policies and its impacts on the HSJCC Network.
3	<u>ACTION:</u> Members are asked to send any additional feedback on the P-HSJCC emergency letter to government on insurance policies by noon on Wednesday June 24th. The Secretariat to then submit the letter to partner ministries shortly thereafter.

Minutes from P-HSJCC Meeting of June 23, 2020

Item for Discussion	Discussion
<p>1) Welcome and Introductions</p>	<p>Katie welcomed members to the P-HSJCC biweekly virtual updates meeting of June 23, 2020.</p> <p>This was followed by a roundtable of introductions. There were 13 voting members present, representing 9 of the 14 regions.</p>
<p>2) Consent Agenda</p>	<p>The Provincial HSJCC membership reviewed the consent agenda for the meeting of June 23, 2020.</p> <p><u>MOTION:</u> Trevor motioned to approve the consent agenda, Jonathan seconded.</p>
<p>3) Updates from the Secretariat</p>	<p>The Secretariat provided updates to the P-HSJCC:</p> <p>Updated HSJCC Reporting Template:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The deadline for HSJCC annual reports has been extended to August 1st, 2020 following flexibility granted by MOH for this reporting period. • The Secretariat has created an updated, user-friendly reporting template for the HSJCC Network. This template will be circulated to Regional and Local HSJCCs in a word document form. • The Secretariat will be hosting an orientation webinar for Regional and Local HSJCC chairs and administrative support staff on the reporting process. Regional and Local Chairs are advised to watch for an invitation to this webinar in the coming week. <p>Draft Letter to Partner Ministries re: the Impact of COVID-19 on Insurance Policies to the HSJCC Network:</p> <p>Kirstin from CMHA Ontario provided background information on changes to insurance policies during COVID-19:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aviva, one of the primary insurers of health care providers in Ontario, put all April 1 renewals on hold. Aviva had a \$1B claim against them due to COVID-19. • In the beginning of May, they added a COVID exclusion retroactive to May 8. Boards were operating with the knowledge from our broker, Marsh, they weren't covered. All organizations seeking other insurance options resulted in backlog of underwriters. • Aviva retreated following pressure from Marsh and Premier's office: exclusion won't be retroactive but if you re-sign, exclusion will be retroactive to May 8. • Other insurance options will be available through Marsh or other brokers with Aviva or other insurance companies. There is now a race to find alternative coverage before the extension runs out in one week. • So far Aviva and Intact are the only two providers we are aware of that included these exclusionary clauses. • Included in the today's meeting package is a draft letter to our partner ministries requesting urgent action on this issue.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The P-HSJCC was asked to send any feedback on this letter to the Secretariat by June 24th at noon. <p>ACTION: The Secretariat will prepare a briefing note for the P-HSJCC which will provide a summary of the changes surrounding insurance policies and its impacts on the HSJCC Network.</p> <p>ACTION: Members are asked to send any additional feedback on the P-HSJCC emergency letter to government on insurance policies by noon on Wednesday June 24th. The Secretariat to then submit the letter to partner ministries shortly thereafter.</p>

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	Tyson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unable to continue face to face visits due to the impact of changes on insurance policies. Changes virtual court system, particularly bail is impacting services 	
Champlain	Joan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased to monthly HSJCC meetings From a hospital perspective, working with detention centre and trying to do as much assessment via virtual technology as possible CMHA won't be working in offices until September. Video services aren't as effective for clients. 	
Durham	N/A	N/A	
HKPR	Jonathan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning to meet as a Regional Committee again on Friday. Had a webinar on the use of tiny homes for justice populations. Will look to post this to the P-HSJCC website. 	
Halton	Chondrena/ Fran	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Had a meeting this afternoon – first one since pandemic. Provided updates. Most were around courts returning and what this means. 	

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	North East	Caitlin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Going to be meeting locally and regionally in July for a status update • CMHA has placed a pause on their recovery plan
	North West	N/A	N/A
	Peel	Shelly/ Sinthusa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Echo issues around courts and release from custody around the province • Concerns around individuals being released not being connected to any programs then entering the shelter system and needing to isolate for 14 days. • Shelters are trying to access medical information from institutions and institutions are refusing to provide this information.
	Simcoe Muskoka	Mary Debbie (shared before meeting)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Had first meeting on Microsoft Teams. Some services are looking at getting back to face to face. • Release from custody workers are not coming into the jail at this point. Individuals do have a direct line to their RFC worker. • Working with shelters on how they can better communicate. • CMHA's prioritization team is working on a steady, but slow and thorough process through the gradual re opening of our services. • Two court rooms opening up at Barrie court. • Referrals will commence for our court diversion program via email initially hopefully working towards a gradual rotation weekly between three staff. • Mental health court will not re open until the fall (stage 3 of re-opening). • Intakes continue to come via telephone currently from community partners. • Satellite courts remains closed until further notice. Orillia, Midland and Collingwood. • Probation office rotate weekly between there staff reporting in person only high-risk offenders one day per week. • Bail continues to report virtually. 2 staff present at the courthouse for releases.
	South West	N/A	N/A

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	South East	Sharron	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings have continued both regionally and local. • New issues coming to light in relation to people being released on charges on a form 10 (when they typically would be held for bail). Issues being able to support these individuals. • Release from custody issues continue to persist.
	Toronto	Katie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional meeting next week.
	Waterloo Wellington	N/A	N/A
	York-South Simcoe	Jason	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAMH media release was concerning. Hoping Executive Committee can work with CAMH about this. Almost ready to release MCRT Framework which is contrary to CAMH's statement. • Due to changes with these insurance policies, they are in a less than optimal situation where crisis workers have to use phone calls to de-escalate situations.
Ministry Representatives (Ex-Officio)			
Ministry	Person that provided update	Information Shared	
CSC	Lorena	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basing decisions to move forward by Commissioner • Challenges with release planning back into the community. • Continuing with virtual assessments, psychiatry clinics etc. 	
SolGen– Correctional Services	Yoko	No updates	
SolGen – Public Safety Division	Anjelina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions around language for mobile crisis teams in the draft insurance letter. Will follow up with the Secretariat. 	
MOH	Dianna	No updates	
MAG	Rebecca/ Dena	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing for the staggered reopening of the courts. • OCJ is resuming trials and preliminary hearings as of July 6th. • This will be incremental – preparing two court rooms in different courthouses for these purposes. 	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The completion date will be November 1st, 2020. Other matters will continue remotely. Anticipate a lot of backlog, considering which matters will have priority.
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	No additional updates.	
LHIN	Mary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pay for staff – waiting for more information. 	
Community Networks of Specialized Care	N/A	N/A	
Legal Aid Ontario	N/A	N/A	
Connex Ontario	Brad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tracking all services that have moved to a different modality Trend was the major increased in stimulant use disorder and anxiety. 	
OACP	Bill	N/A	
Forensic Directors Group	Michelle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet every two weeks. Frequency will decrease over summer. Moving towards a recovery phase. 	
OPP	Lisa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would be helpful to know which providers are being impacted by insurance policies. ConnexGO app is something they are ready to launch with OPP frontline members. Echo Jason’s concerns around release from CAMH. Need to ensure that all the partners at the MCRT table are on the same page. 	

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	CAMH PSSP	Marla	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Well aware of statement and will be following up with her Director re: this.
	John Howard Society of Ontario	Safiyah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inquired with insurance provider – no concern for exclusion right now. Registering their license in August and it may come up then.
	Justice for Children and Youth	Mary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open and available. Begun on an internal bases to open their offices. Responding to courts on the criminal justice side and being as proactive as they can. Continue to be concerned for young people being able to reach out to a range of community services in the context of the pandemic – will be another phase of watching how things play out. Working with Children’s Aid Societies who are struggling in the context of COVID-19. Been trying to prevent some evictions, interacted with Landlord Tenant Board to prevent young people from entering homelessness at age 18.
<p>13) Meeting adjournment</p> <p>Next Biweekly P-HSJCC Updates Meeting: June 23, 2020</p>	<p>The Provincial HSJCC meeting of June 23, 2020 adjourned at approximately 4:05PM.</p>		