



# Provincial Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee Monthly Updates Minutes

Date: January 26, 2021

## 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	✓	
	Andrew Fairbairn, 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 (HKPR) Regional	Jonathan Hewitt	✓	
	Teryl Hoefel		R
Halton Regional	Kimberly Cato	✓	
	Katie Howse	✓	
North East Regional	Kamilah Francis	✓	
	Caitlin Germond	✓	
North West Regional	Jennifer Hyslop	✓	
	Jenny Leadbeater	✓	
Peel Regional	Jennifer Graham	✓	
	Mary Pagani	✓	
Simcoe Muskoka Regional	Mary Martin	✓	
	Debbie Bigelow	✓	
South East Regional HSJCC	Sharron Brown	✓	
	Becky Stark		R
South West Regional HSJCC	Erika Sweitzer	✓	
Toronto Regional HSJCC	Susan Davis	✓	
Waterloo-Wellington Regional HSJCC	Joan Nandlal		R
	Meredith Gardiner		R
York-South Simcoe Regional HSJCC	Tricia Samaroo	✓	
	Jason McIlveen	✓	

## Ministry Representatives (Ex-Officio)

Ministry	Representative	✓	R
Correctional Service Canada	Lorena Watson		R
	Jennifer Gravelle		R

<b>Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS)</b>	Phan Luong		<b>R</b>
	Zoe Kavoukian-Scharf	✓	
	Caroline Schulz	✓	
	Ryan Hodgson	✓	
	Stephanie Tousignant		<b>R</b>
<b>Ministry of the Solicitor General (SolGen)</b>	Keri Zammit	✓	
	Yoko Murphy	✓	
	Cecilia Omole	✓	
	Joe Carruthers	✓	
	Vanessa Aspri		<b>R</b>
<b>Ministry of Health (MOH)</b>	Dianna Cochrane	✓	
	Amy Herskowitz	✓	
	Breanna Kelly	✓	
<b>Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG)</b>	Rebecca Law	✓	
	Dena Bonnet		<b>R</b>

#### Other Members (Ex-Officio)

<b>Other Members</b>	<b>Representative</b>	✓	<b>R</b>
<b>CMHA Ontario Division</b>	Shawn Chirrey	✓	
<b>Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) Representation</b>	Mary Tasz		<b>R</b>
<b>Community Networks of Specialized Care</b>	Lisa Holmes	✓	
<b>Connex Ontario</b>	Lorri Lowe	✓	
<b>Legal Aid Ontario</b>	TBD		
<b>Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police</b>	Bill Chantler	✓	
<b>Ontario Provincial Police</b>	Lisa Longworth		<b>R</b>
	Julie Randal		<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>John Howard Society of Ontario</b>	Safiyah Husein	✓	
	Jacqueline Tasca		<b>R</b>
<b>P-HSJCC PWLE Committee Chair</b>	Fran Carnerie		<b>R</b>
	Steve Torresan		<b>R</b>
<b>Guest Observers</b>	Katie Thibault, Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres	✓	
	Kandarp Patel, student with Ministry of the Attorney General	✓	
	Alexandria Donaldson, student with CMHA Ontario	✓	

**Summary of Action items from January 26, 2021**

1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>ACTION:</u></b> The Secretariat to the update background section of the P-HSJCC Terms of Reference.</li> </ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>ACTION:</u></b> The Secretariat to update the February 23, 2021 P-HSJCC Monthly Updates Meeting invitation time to reflect two hours in length.</li> </ul>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>ACTION:</u></b> The Secretariat to draft the 2021 P-HSJCC pre-budget submission for review by voting members before submission on <b>February 12, 2021</b>.</li> </ul>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>ACTION:</u></b> The Secretariat to draft a submission to government in response to distribution of COVID-19 vaccines within Correctional Institutions.</li> </ul>

**Minutes from P-HSJCC Meeting of January 26, 2021**

Item for Discussion	Discussion
<p><b>1) Welcome and Introductions</b></p>	<p>The Secretariat began the meeting by providing directions and etiquette while using Zoom.</p> <p>The Secretariat introduced the following guest observers: Katie Thibault, Justice Analyst from the Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres, Alex Donaldson, a student with CMHA Ontario and Kandarp Patel, a student with Ministry of Attorney General.</p> <p>Co-Chair Katie welcomed all to the meeting of January 26, 2021. There are 13 of 14 voting regions represented.</p>
<p><b>2) Consent Agenda</b></p>	<p>The Provincial HSJCC membership reviewed the consent agenda for the meeting of January 26, 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agenda of January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020</li> <li>• Minutes of November 23, 2020 P-HSJCC Monthly Updates Meeting</li> <li>• Updates from the Secretariat</li> </ul> <p><b>MOTION:</b> Trevor T. motioned to approve the consent agenda, Joan G. seconded.</p>
<p><b>3) Update on Call out for Community of Practice</b></p>	<p>The Secretariat provided an update on the <b>P-HSJCC Release from Custody Community of Practice (CoP)</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Ministry of Health has led a CoP by the same name for several years.</li> <li>• To avoid any confusion, the P-HSJCC will be changing the name of the CoP at their first scheduled meeting on <b>February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021</b>.</li> <li>• HSJCC members who would like to learn more, or may be interested in joining the CoP are encouraged to contact <a href="#">Christine Conrad</a>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>4) Updates to the Provincial HSJCC Terms of Reference</b></p>	<p>The Secretariat provided an update on proposed changes to the <b>Provincial HSJCC Terms of Reference</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The quote which referenced the <b>Ontario Patients First Act</b> does not align with the actual legislation, but rather references a news article. This sentence has been rephrased to reflect the mandate of the legislation.</li> <li>• The section on Advisory Committees has been edited to provided clarity on the differences between P-HSJCC standing committees and ad hoc project advisory committees.</li> </ul>
<p><b>5) 2021-2022 Work Planning Cycle for the HSJCC Network and P-HSJCC 2021 Pre-Budget Submission</b></p>	<p>The Secretariat provided a brief reminder to Regional and Local HSJCCs to submit their annual work plans to the <a href="#">Secretariat</a> by <b>March 1, 2021</b>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional and Local HSJCCs will now be required to submit their updated <b>membership lists</b> as part of the annual reporting process.</li> <li>• The Secretariat will be drafting the <b>2021-2022 P-HSJCC workplan</b> for discussion at the February 2021 P-HSJCC meeting.</li> </ul>

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	<p>Since the P-HSJCC is in its final year of the 3-year cycle, the Secretariat will be conducting a network priority setting exercise in the fall of 2021 to inform the <b>2022-2025 P-HSJCC workplan</b>.</p> <p>The P-HSJCC will be making a pre-budget submission to the Ontario government to inform the 2021-2022 budget.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The pre-budget submission will highlight key priorities for the network, dedicated areas for investment and request an increase to the HSJCC Network's annualized funding.</li> <li>The Secretariat will share a draft of the prebudget submission with voting members for their feedback and approval before submission on February 12th.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>6) Discussion re: Access to COVID-19 Vaccine in Correctional Institutions</b></p>	<p>As Ontario prepares for phase two of the COVID-19 immunization program, it is unclear whether individuals in correctional facilities will be eligible to receive vaccinations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The P-HSJCC is concerned that vulnerable clients living in high-risk correctional institutions will not be included in phase two of the rollout, and that individuals who are being released from custody may contribute to community spread.</li> <li>The P-HSJCC would like to draft a submission to the government and Public Health Ontario on this issue. The submission will focus on human rights, breaking down stigma, public health and safety etc.</li> </ul>		
<b>Regional HSJCC and Partner Updates</b>			
<p>1) Is there any information that you would like to share that could help support the HSJCC Network during this time? 2) How can the PHSJCC and Secretariat support you?</p>			
<p><b>5) Updates from Regional HSJCCs and Partners:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What are some key priorities you would like to see addressed in the P-HSJCC pre-budget submission?</li> <li>Is there any information that you would like to</li> </ul>	<b>Regional HSJCC Representatives (Voting Members)</b>		
	<b>HSJCC</b>	<b>Person that provided update</b>	<b>Information Shared</b>
	HNBHN	Trevor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No updates.</li> </ul>
	Champlain	Joan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Held regional committee meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021</li> <li>Discussed distribution of P-HSJCC discretionary funds</li> <li>Courts are still shut down</li> <li>Secretariat member engagement session with their local committee was well received.</li> </ul>
	Durham	Marni	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>

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<p>share that could help support the HSJCC Network during this time?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How can the PHSJCC + Secretariat support you?</li> </ul>	<p><b>HKPR</b></p>	<p>Johnathan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional committee and the Peterborough municipality are setting up a planning day based on the findings of the HSJCC Housing and Justice report</li> <li>Regional committee working on 3 research projects with Trent University. Will be asking assistance from the P-HSJCC to fill out surveys.</li> </ul> <p>The projects include the following topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identifying housing support strategies for incarcerated individuals and clients with addictions concerns.</li> <li>Best practices for clients with complex situations.</li> <li>Examining service delivery enhancement for high risk individuals with serious mental illness.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Halton</b></p>	<p>Katie/ Kimberly</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working on Workplan and Terms of Reference</li> </ul>
	<p><b>North East</b></p>	<p>Caitlin</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Held regional meeting last week</li> <li>Focussed on increasing attendance</li> <li>Great attendance from local HSJCC at meetings which has helped with putting the Work Plan together.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>North West</b></p>	<p>Jenny</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working on strategic planning for upcoming year</li> <li>Focus on sustainability with smaller sessions</li> <li>Working group for FASD and justice based on survey recommendations including:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Education and Training for various sectors on FASD related information and education.</li> <li>H.R policies looking at how to influence various sectors to incorporate mandatory training within their organizations</li> <li>Legislation</li> </ol> </li> <li>Working on Work Plan</li> <li>Collecting 3 years letter of agreement from membership and provide an updated list to the Secretariat</li> <li>Issue management brief updated on developmental disabilities in custody and housing issues that people face when being released</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Peel</b></p>	<p>Mary</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working on Work Plan</li> <li>Looking for ways to reallocate discretionary funds</li> </ul>

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	<b>Simcoe-Muskoka</b>	Mary/ Debbie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working on Work Plan</li> <li>Discretionary funds being used on items such as bus tickets, socks and toiletries</li> </ul>
	<b>South West</b>	Erika	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Co-Chair for South West Regional HSJCC.</li> </ul>
	<b>South East</b>	Sharron	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup></li> <li>Working on the Work Plans</li> <li>Will not be able to utilize regional funds this fiscal</li> </ul>
	<b>Toronto</b>	Domenica (on behalf of the Downtown HSJCC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Held regional meeting this week that was well attended</li> <li>Leadership changes – Katie will now assume Co-Chair role with Susan for the Regional Committee</li> <li>Working on anti-Racism and equity as part of the workplan</li> <li>Research project on incarcerated individual's impact on COVID-19 and access to services</li> <li>Access budget funds towards anti-Racism initiatives</li> <li>Change of structure for meetings</li> </ul>
	<b>Waterloo-Wellington</b>	Joan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
	<b>York-South Simcoe</b>	Jason	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
<b>Ministry Representatives (Ex-Officio)</b>			
	<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Person that provided update</b>	<b>Information Shared</b>
	<b>Corrections Service Canada</b>	N/A	N/A
	<b>SoIGen– Correctional Services</b>	Kerri	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provided an update on the Gain Q3 pilot project</li> <li>Have now trained 10 addiction counsellors across the province</li> </ul>
	<b>SoIGen – Public Safety Division</b>	Cecilia/Joe	N/A
	<b>MOH</b>	Dianna/Amy	Flexibility of funding for 2021:

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have not received any instruction on being able to carry over funds into next fiscal due to the pandemic.</li> <li>• Committees are encouraged to move forward with spending funds before end of fiscal as usual.</li> </ul> <p>Base funded investments for 2021 include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ \$6.55 million for Mobile Crisis Response Team across Ontario</li> <li>➢ 1.3 million for 5 new Court Transitional Case Managers with dedicated housing units attached</li> <li>➢ \$5 million for Safe Bed program that are accessible to Police and MCRT</li> <li>➢ \$2 million for Addiction Specialists to support people in and Safe Bed programs in Kenora and downtown Toronto East</li> <li>➢ \$14 million for 504 Justice Support housing units (permanent housing for people from release from custody or diversion programs)</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding letters have been submitted to the LHIN's but the rent supplement portion of the housing is directly funded by the ministry to be released to the agency. The housing letters are still being approved.</li> </ul> <p>There are Communities of Practice for every MH &amp; Justice funded program since 2017/18 (note there were programs before this date).</p> <p>Community of Practice include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Release from Custody Workers</li> <li>• Justice Supportive Housing</li> <li>• Mental Health Court Support and Transitional Post Court Support</li> <li>• Safe Beds</li> <li>• Addiction Specialists</li> <li>• Mobile Crisis Teams (have not convened as of yet)</li> </ul> <p>There are also several Communities of Practice on the forensic side (some of which have been taken over by the community) including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Forensic Transitional Case Managers</li> <li>➢ Transitional Rehabilitative Housing Program (TRHP)</li> </ul>



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Forensic Supportive Housing</li> <li>➤ Dual Diagnosis Transitional Rehabilitative Housing</li> <li>➤ Acute Care Stabilization Bed</li> <li>➤ Video Fitness</li> <li>➤ Youth Forensic Services</li> <li>➤ Safewards: In Patient</li> </ul>
	<b>MAG</b>	Rebecca	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued court closure and delays</li> </ul>
	<b>MCCSS – Youth Justice Services Division</b>	Zoe/Caroline	No updates.
	<b>MCCSS – Community Services Division</b>	Ryan	Have taken HSJCC’s offer to support the second rollout of communication on the urgent response service back to the Ministry.
<b>Other Members (Ex-Officio)</b>			
<b>Other Members</b>	<b>Person that provided update</b>	<b>Information Shared</b>	
<b>CMHA Ontario</b>	Shawn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No updates</li> </ul>	
<b>LHIN</b>	Mary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receiving Anti-Racism training</li> <li>• Issue with rising mental health</li> </ul>	
<b>Community Networks of Specialized Care</b>	Lisa	N/A	
<b>Legal Aid Ontario</b>	TBD	N/A	
<b>Connex Ontario</b>	Lorrie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3000 programs modified due to COVID-19</li> <li>• Working on ConnexGo app</li> <li>• Working on texting function coming out in September 2021</li> </ul>	
<b>OACP</b>	Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggested change to the Crisis Response Teams priority within the P-HSJCC pre-budget submission</li> <li>• Rather than just expanding Crisis Response Teams to also look for alternative strategies to police led response to crises</li> </ul>	
<b>Forensic Directors Group</b>	Michelle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting later this week</li> </ul>	

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	<b>OPP</b>	Lisa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>
	<b>CAMH PSSP</b>	Marla	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final recommendation report</li> </ul>
	<b>John Howard Society of Ontario</b>	Safiyah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Releasing Broken Record report as a follow up to JHSO's Unlocking Change report from 2015</li> <li>• Will be accompanied with interactive website</li> </ul>
	<b>Justice for Children and Youth</b>	Samira	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No updates</li> <li>• Interested in getting reports on youth COVID-19 case in youth custody facilities.</li> </ul>
	<b>P-HSJCC PWLE Committee</b>	Fran / Steve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>
<p><b>13) Meeting adjournment</b></p> <p><b>Next P-HSJCC Monthly Updates Meeting:</b> February 23, 2021 – 2:00pm – 4:00pm Virtual Platform: Zoom</p>	<p>The Provincial HSJCC meeting of January 26, 2021 adjourned at approximately 4:00PM.</p>		