



Provincial Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee Monthly Updates Minutes

Date: March 23, 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		R
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	✓	
	Satar Wahidi	✓	
	Nicole Bryan		R
Champlain Regional	TBD		R
Durham Regional HSJCC	Marni Bell		R
Haliburton/Kawartha Lakes/Pine Ridge (HKPR) Regional	Jonathan Hewitt		R
	Teryl Hoefel		R
Halton Regional	Kimberly Cato	✓	
	Katie Howse	✓	
North East Regional	Kamilah Francis	✓	
	Caitlin Germond		R
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		R
	Becky Stark		R
South West Regional HSJCC	Erika Sweitzer		R
Toronto Regional HSJCC	Susan Davis	✓	
Waterloo-Wellington Regional HSJCC	Joan Nandlal	✓	
	Meredith Gardiner	✓	
York-South Simcoe Regional HSJCC	Tricia Samaroo	✓	
	Jason McIveen		R

Ministry Representatives (Ex-Officio)

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

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

Other Members (Ex-Officio)

Other Members	Representative	✓	R
CMHA Ontario Division	Shawn Chirrey	✓	
Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) Representation	Mary Tasz	✓	
	Aimee Boyer	✓	
Community Networks of Specialized Care	Lisa Holmes	✓	
Connex Ontario	Lorri Lowe	✓	
Legal Aid Ontario	Simone Bern	✓	
Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police	Bill Chantler		R
Ontario Provincial Police	Lisa Longworth	✓	
	Julie Randal		R
Forensic Directors Group	Michelle Davidson	✓	
Centre for Addiction and Mental Health	Marla Banning	✓	
Justice for Children and Youth	Mary Birdsell	✓	
	Samira Ahmed	✓	
John Howard Society of Ontario	Safiyah Husein	✓	
	Jacqueline Tasca		R
P-HSJCC PWLE Committee Chairs	Fran Carnerie		R
	Steve Torresan		R

Summary of Action items from March 23, 2021

1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACTION: Secretariat to draft a submission to MCCSS regarding Closure of Youth Justice Centres and send to voting members for approval.
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACTION: Secretariat to draft a submission providing feedback on the Police Records Check Reform Act proposed exemptions and send to voting members for approval.
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACTION: Secretariat to invite MCCSS to present on the closure of youth justice centres at the May P-HSJCC meeting.

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Item for Discussion	Discussion
1) Welcome and Introductions	<p>The Secretariat began the meeting by providing directions and etiquette while using Zoom.</p> <p>The Secretariat reminded members that there would no longer be roll call at the beginning of minutes in order to save time. It was asked that everyone display their full name in their Zoom display screen to accurately capture attendance moving forward.</p> <p>Co-Chair Katie welcomed all to the meeting of March 23, 2021. There are 9 of 14 voting regions represented.</p> <p>Co-Chair Katie welcomed Simone Bern from Legal Aid Ontario who will be representing LAO as the ex-officio member of the Provincial HSJCC.</p>
2) Consent Agenda	<p>The Provincial HSJCC membership reviewed the consent agenda for the meeting of March 23, 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda of March 23rd, 2021 • Minutes of February 23rd, 2021 P-HSJCC Monthly Updates Meeting • Updates from the Secretariat <p><u>MOTION:</u> Joan motioned to approve the consent agenda, Trevor. seconded.</p>
3) Approval of 2021-2022 P-HSJCC Work plan	<p>The Secretariat presented an update on the 2021-2022 P-HSJCC Work plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretariat proposed an increase rate for Honorariums for P-HSJCC PWLE members • The Secretariat will be working with the P-HSJCC PWLE advisory committee on a guidebook to assist Regional and Local HSJCCs to improve engagement of persons with lived experience. • The Secretariat proposed the allocating \$10k towards training for the Anti-Racism committee's work. • The Secretariat proposed the allocating \$5k towards updating branding materials for the P-HSJCC including new brochures, graphics and possible French translation. • The remaining \$15k will be set aside as discretionary funds. <p><u>MOTION:</u> Jennifer H motioned to approve the 2021-2022 P-HSJCC work plan. Mary M seconded. There were no objections.</p>
4) Discussion re: Structure and Accountability of the HSJCC Network	<p>Co-Chair Katie led a discussion regarding the structure and accountability of the HSJCC Network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A NE Local HSJCC committee serving the Timiskaming area had advised the Secretariat they were considering folding.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This prompted a conversation with the P-HSJCC Co-Chairs and Secretariat around the structure and accountability of committees across the network. • The Secretariat noted that the number of local committees have changed over time based on a change in needs for regions and their communities. • There is a small portion of the Regional committee's budgets that are allocated to local committees. However, it is up to the region to decide how to allocate these funds. • The Regional HSJCCs receive funds directly from the former LHINs. • It was noted that local committees can help address service issues. We need to ensure that local table issues are still being addressed at the Regional table. • Members want to ensure the Timiskaming area needs are met where possible. • Members suggested the Secretariat reach out to agencies that were previously involved in this committee in the fall to see if there is an engagement opportunity to restart the committee. • There was a suggestion to see if there's a Community Safety table in that area. There may be similar people a part of that table that used to be part of the local Timiskaming HSJCC table. • There was also a suggestion to find out whether an Ontario Health Team will be covering the Timiskaming area.
<p>5) Discussion re: MCCSS's Announcement on the Closure of Youth Justice Centres</p>	<p>Christine updated members on MCCSS's announcement of the closure of Youth Justice Centres:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On March 1, 2021, the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services announced the closure of 26 youth justice centres, many of which were in northern Ontario. • MCCSS explained that because of an 81% reduction of youth in custody since 2004-2005, facilities were empty most of the year. • The closures follow recommendations from the Auditor General and will result in \$39.9 million in cost-savings annually. • Youth were moved from the closing facilities to other centres, some of which were many hundreds of kilometers away from their home communities. • According to media reports, family members were not informed that the youth would be moving. • First Nations communities were not consulted during the government's decision-making process, even though many of the impacted youth are Indigenous. <p>The Secretariat asked if the P-HSJCC table should engage with MCCSS on this issue:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members felt that there should be consultation with written submission and flagging core themes including the effects of mental health supports and experience of the families. • There was a suggestion to repurpose some of the facilities in the submission. • Need to know what other mental health and addiction support services will be made available for youth

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	<p>ACTION: Secretariat to draft a submission to MCCSS regarding Closure of Youth Justice Centres and send to voting members for approval.</p>
<p>6) Discussion re: Feedback on Proposed Exemptions to the Police Records Check Reform Act</p>	<p>Christine led a discussion on the Ministry of the Solicitor General’s proposed exemptions to the Police Records Check Reform Act:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ministry of the Solicitor General requested feedback on proposed exemptions to the Police Record Check Reform Act, 2015 (PRCRA). • The HSJCC Secretariat was not made aware of the public request for feedback until it was too close to the deadline. • The proposed exemptions would allow some non-conviction records, including mental health records that are created during a police interaction or apprehension under the Mental Health Act, to be shared with certain employment sectors • This creates an unfair barrier for people living with mental health and addictions issues who are seeking certain employment or volunteer opportunities. • Although the Ministry requested formal submissions by March 12, 2021, there are opportunities for the P-HSJCC to consult with the ministry on this topic. <p>The P-HSJCC’s key messages to the Ministry could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The P-HSJCC was consulted when the PRCRA was drafted and successfully advocated for mental health records to be restricted from police record checks, with limited exceptions. ➤ The 2011 Provincial HSJCC Police and Mental Health Report states that mental health police records can be a useful tool for police officers to share information about a client’s history to help respond to a mental health or addictions crisis. ➤ Mental health police records should only be accessible to police officers so that they can better respond to mental health crisis situations. This information should not be released to potential employers, landlords, border enforcement officers, the public or anyone else. ➤ Disclosing mental health police records increases negative stereotypes and reinforces misperceptions about the relationship between violence and mental health.

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	<p>➤ Mental health police records reinforce these negative stereotypes and contribute to the stigma, discrimination and social exclusion of people who have experienced a mental health or addictions-related crisis.</p> <p>The P-HSJCC would like to engage on this issue through a submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members noted that that mental health records might put the client at risk and follow them through the justice system. • People may not be seeking support because of this. This may cause more risk to individuals. • Members raised concerns about the inadequate length of time to provide feedback on ministry consultations, especially considering the size of our network. May wish to flag this for the ministry within our submission. • Members recommended including a key message around the importance of cross-sectoral collaboration. • Members also raised effects COVID-19 has on mental health and the short and long terms this will have on individuals. <p>ACTION: Secretariat to draft a submission providing feedback on the Police Records Check Reform Act proposed exemptions and send to voting members for approval.</p>

Regional HSJCC and Partner Updates

- 1) For Regional HSJCCs – Do you have representation from corrections on your Regional or Local Committees?
 - If not, what are some potential barriers to participation?
- 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 PHSJCC and Secretariat support you?

7) 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"> • Niagara and Hamilton have Correctional representation at the local HSJCCs however the Regional table does not have corrections representation
	Champlain	N/A	

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Durham	N/A		
HKPR	N/A		
Halton	Katie/ Kimberly		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional table has representation from Maplehurst and Vanier Correctional Centres Working on updating Terms of Reference Allocating funding to John Howard Society Third episode of the anti-Black racism training Documents will be submitted to the local HSJCC members
North East	Kamilah		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sudbury local table has corrections representation. Dispersed discretionary P-HSJCC funds to local committees for release from custody packages
North West	Jenny		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional table has representation from corrections.
Peel	Mary		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have corrections representation at the Regional table. Committee has their first person identified as a PWLE
Simcoe-Muskoka	Mary		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distributed P-HSJCC discretionary funds to member agencies Next meeting in June Mary is retiring in August. Mary is their correction representative
South West	N/A		
South East	N/A		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Corrections representation at Regional table but do have reps on the locals.
Toronto	Susan		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local identified food security Access to virtual court P-HSJCC discretionary funds were used to help local purchases. Anti-Racism series being currently being developed. <p>Downtown HSJCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have corrections representation at the regional and local committees. All of their tables now have PWLE

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Waterloo-Wellington	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
York-South Simcoe	Tricia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have representation from corrections. Hosting a 2021 Virtual Conference. Information was sent out through the HSJCC mailing list.
Ministry Representatives (Ex-Officio)		
Ministry	Person that provided update	Information Shared
Corrections Service Canada	N/A	N/A
SolGen– Correctional Services	Yoko	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Updates
SolGen – Public Safety Division	Cecilia/Joe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Updates
SolGen- Anti-Racism Division	Jennifer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Updates
MOH	Amy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with Corrections every other week
MAG	Rebecca	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No updates
MCCSS – Youth Justice Services Division	Phan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MCCSS would like to have someone to come to the next P-HSJCC meeting to address questions around the closure of youth justice centres.
MCCSS – Community Services Division	N/A	No updates
Other Members (Ex-Officio)		

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	CMHA Ontario	Shawn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invite for Survivors of Homicide Victims forum will be sent out to the P-HSJCC network.
	LHIN		
	Community Networks of Specialized Care	Lisa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experiencing a higher number of referrals
	Legal Aid Ontario	Simone	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
	Connex Ontario	Lorrie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call volume and length of call increasing
	OACP	Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
	Forensic Directors Group	Michelle	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
	OPP	Lisa	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
	CAMH PSSP	Marla	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
	John Howard Society of Ontario	Safiyah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New report "Unequal Justice" report released. Secretariat will share the link to interactive website with P-HSJCC.
	Justice for Children and Youth	Mary	
	P-HSJCC PWLE Committee	Fran / Steve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
<p>13) Meeting adjournment</p> <p>Next P-HSJCC Monthly Updates Meeting: May 18, 2021 – 2:00 pm – 4:00pm</p> <p>Virtual Platform: Zoom</p>	<p>The Provincial HSJCC meeting of March 23, 2021 adjourned at approximately 4:00PM.</p>		