



Provincial Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee Bi-Monthly Updates Minutes

Date: September 21, 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, Policy Analyst	✓	
	Jason Dela Pena, Junior Policy Analyst	✓	
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	✓	
	Satar Wahidi	✓	
Champlain Regional	Brian Merkley		R
Durham Regional HSJCC	Katie Sansom	✓	
	Sheila Gallagher	✓	
Haliburton/Kawartha Lakes/Pine Ridge (HKPR) Regional	Jonathan Hewitt	✓	
	Teryl Hoefel		R
Halton Regional	Kimberly Cato	✓	
	Katie Howse	✓	
North East Regional	Caitlin Germond	✓	
North West Regional	Jennifer Hyslop		R
	Jenny Leadbeater	✓	
Peel Regional	Jennifer Graham		R
	Mary Pagani	✓	
Simcoe Muskoka Regional	Debbie Bigelow	✓	
	Terri-Lynn Dodgson	✓	
South East Regional HSJCC	Becky Stark	✓	
South West Regional HSJCC	Erika Sweitzer	✓	
Toronto Regional HSJCC	Susan Davis	✓	
Waterloo-Wellington Regional HSJCC	Joan Nandlal		R
	Meredith Gardiner	✓	
York-South Simcoe Regional HSJCC	Tricia Samaroo		R
	Jason McIlveen		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		R
	Zoe Kavoukian-Scharf	✓	
	Jacqueline Doig Moore	✓	

	Shaun Gluckman	✓	
	Stephanie Tousignant	✓	
	Corwin Troje		R
Ministry of the Solicitor General (SolGen)	Keri Zammit	✓	
	Jackie Natrass	✓	
	Joe Carruthers	✓	
	Chris Herapath		R
	Lindsey Gray		R
	Amy Herskowitz	✓	
	Jessica Mahon	✓	
	TBA		
Anti-Racism Directorate	TBA		
	Ministry of Health (MOH)	Dianna Cochrane	✓
		Breanna Kelly	✓
Lina Coladipietro		✓	
Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG)	Rebecca Law	✓	
	Dena Bonnet	✓	

Other Members (Ex-Officio)

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

Summary of Action items from September 21, 2021

1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>ACTION:</u> The Secretariat will send the approved P-HSJCC Terms of Reference to members and update the HSJCC website
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>ACTION:</u> The Secretariat will follow up with SOLGEN and ask if presentation slides can be shared with P-HSJCC members
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>ACTION:</u> The Secretariat will send a memo to the P-HSJCC summarizing key messages from today's discussion and provide an opportunity for members to provide additional feedback in advance of the engagement session.

4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>ACTION:</u> The Secretariat to send the P-HSJCC Anti-Racism Advisory Committee presentation slides on the survey results and project areas to the P-HSJCC.
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>ACTION:</u> The Secretariat to follow up with Regional and Local Chairs as the guidebook is prepared for release.•

Minutes from P-HSJCC Meeting of September 21, 2021

Item for Discussion	Discussion
<p>1) Welcome and Introductions</p>	<p>P-HSJCC Secretariat, Program Manager, Candace Vena 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 September 21, 2021. There are 12 of 14 voting regions represented.</p> <p>Secretariat Program Manager, Candace Vena welcomed the new Provincial HSJCC members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Merkley, Director of Forensics, Royal Ottawa Mental Health Services, Co-Chair Champlain Regional HSJCC • Jessica Mahon for the Ministry of the Solicitor General, Policing Standards Section
<p>2) Land Acknowledgement</p>	<p>Co-Chair Katie acknowledged that the Provincial HSJCC Secretariat is committed to providing a land acknowledgement at each meeting and will rotate through the membership list for each P-HSJCC meeting.</p> <p>P-HJCC Secretariat Network Coordinator, Andrew Fairbairn provided the Land Acknowledgement.</p>
<p>3) Consent Agenda</p>	<p>The Provincial HSJCC membership reviewed the consent agenda for the meeting of July 21, 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda of September 21, 2021, P-HSJCC Meeting • Minutes of July 20th, 2021 P-HSJCC Meeting • Minutes of August 17th, 2021 P-HSJCC Executive Committee Meeting • Updates from the Secretariat • P-HSJCC Briefing Note – OHRC Framework • P-HSJCC Briefing Note – Summary of Changes to Regulation 778 under Ministry of Correctional Services Act • 2021/2022 Q1 Budget Totals • Projected P-HSJCC 2021 Q2 Budget Totals <p><u>MOTION:</u> Trevor T. motioned to approve the consent agenda, Erika S. seconded.</p>
<p>4) Amendments to the Provincial HSJCC Terms of Reference</p>	<p>The Secretariat, presented revised amendments to the background section of the P-HSJCC Terms of Reference with a focus on the language that should be used for consideration of priority populations for approval:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Priority consideration will be made for individuals with complex human service's needs, which may include, but are not limited to those living with mental health issues, substance use concerns and/or behavioural dependencies, or neurodevelopmental and neurocognitive disabilities. The HSJCCs are a cooperative effort of the Ministries of the Attorney General, Children, Community and Social Services, the Solicitor General, and Health.</i>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The amendments to the background section of the P-HSJCC Terms of Reference were approved by the P-HSJCC. ACTION: The Secretariat will send the approved P-HSJCC Terms of Reference to members and update the HSJCC website.
<p>5) P-HSJCC Conference Reminder</p>	<p>The Secretariat provided an update on the 2021 P-HSJCC Virtual Conference coming up in November 2021 including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration is open for the 2021 P-HSJCC Virtual Conference being held on November 16-17, 2021. Members are encouraged to share registration and opportunities for sponsorship and exhibitors within their networks. The P-HSJCC is committed to supporting people with lived experience to attend the conference. Please contact the Secretariat for more information
<p>6) Presentation from Ministry of the Solicitor General: Update on Community Integration Strategy</p>	<p>Rosshane Vignarajah, Manager, Community Reintegration Unit and Neil Alexander, Director, Community Reintegration and Program Transformation Branch, Operational Support Division presented an update on Community Integration Strategy:</p> <p>Background:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ SOLGEN is looking to identify ways we can enhance community reintegration planning to support sentenced and remand populations. ➤ Work on the Community Integration Strategy started in 2020. ➤ Standardized way for community reintegration. ➤ Built relationship with ministry partners to better understand what resources are available for this space. ➤ Supporting response to Covid 19 <p>Purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Provide overview of reintegration ➤ Provide an overview of SOLGENs plans for engagement

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	<p>Community Reintegration Project Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Continuity of care ➤ Identify needs ➤ Work with multiple ➤ The ministry is looking to identify ways can ➤ 50% of remanded inmates are in custody for 15 days or less on warrant <p>Current State Journey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Admission – Arrival-Property -Mental Health Assessment Tools -Contact Information of a healthcare facility ➤ Incarceration -Meeting with social worker and court preparation. ➤ Reintegration- align resources such as shelter, transportation, probation officer plan that includes houses and substance abuse. <p>Community Reintegration Engagement Approach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Community Reintegration Engagement Approach includes the following stages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stage One-Front line ministry staff (Completed) ○ Stage Two -Community partners (Fall 2021) that include municipal service managers, dedicated engagements with Indigenous communities and organizations. ○ Stage Three- Engaging with inmate and offenders who may have experience with the process. <p>Summary of Frontline Engagement Feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Information sharing between institutions ➤ Greater information sharing respecting privacy of inmate ➤ The need for additional supports for individual mental health needs ➤ Community based supports such as access to Social Assistance and external agencies. ➤ Sharing of best practices for afterhours release plan. <p>New Approach to Community Integration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Standardized across the province and municipalities ➤ Goals 1) Inmate/Offender Outcomes ➤ Goals 2) Relationships ➤ Goals 3) Staff Supports

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions and suggestions from P-HSJCC members included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Any thoughts into discharge planners? ➤ People may lose their social assistance and housing once they go into corrections. It was suggested to work with ministry partners to keep the continued social assistance upon reintegration. ➤ Suggestion to connected with dual diagnosis case managers who work with people who conflict with the law. ➤ Is race based data information is disseminated and can that information be shared. ➤ Suggestion that Probation Officers be mobile. ➤ Will there be the opportunity for people to have safe space for sobriety? ➤ Lack of access to community services while being incarcerated. Is there some way to work with institutional staff to help smooth out the transition into the community? <p><u>ACTION:</u> The Secretariat to follow up with SOLGEN and ask if presentation slides can be shared with P-HSJCC members</p>
<p>7) Discussion re: Key Messages for SolGen's Community Reintegration Engagement Session</p>	<p>The Secretariat lead a discussion on SOLGEN's Community Reintegration Engagement Session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ SOLGEN is hosting an engagement session with service providers on September 28, 2021, to share its current approach to community reintegration and vision for a Community Reintegration Strategy, as well as hear the perspectives of service providers regarding barriers and opportunities for enhanced community reintegration efforts. ➤ Secretariat will be attending on behalf of P-HSJCC ➤ SolGen has put together a questionnaire in advance of the consultation <p>1. Has your organization experienced the following barriers when assisting inmate/offenders in their community reintegration journey?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Issues with obtaining an inmates/offender's information</i> • <i>Issues with access to inmates in the institution</i> • <i>Unclear Ministry processes and procedures</i> <p>P-HSJCC Feedback:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ All the listed barriers are areas of concern across the province (Examples were shared from a neurodevelopmental and dual diagnosis perspective, barriers identified by release from custody workers and comments from the Niagara region). ➤ Lack of Coordinated/collaborative planning. ➤ Unscheduled, unplanned or after hour inmate releases. <p>2. Most significant barrier for successful reintegration? P-HSJCC Feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Housing (although the HSJCC Network has long advocated for increased access to supportive housing for justice involved individuals, members noted that access to any safe housing is paramount for successful integration). ➤ Long Waitlists to access community services (i.e., housing, addictions treatment) and the need to start the discharge process at admission. ➤ Addictions Support i.e., Opioid Agonist Therapy (OAT). ➤ Income support <p>3. As it relates to community reintegration, how would you rate information sharing between your organization and the Ministry of the Solicitor General? P-HSJCC Feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The quality of information sharing varies by institution across the province; however, it was noted that most organizations and agencies would like to see better communications/information sharing with SOLGEN. <p>4. Please rank the potential improvements in order of anticipated impact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Improved referral/intake processes between institutions and community resources</i> • <i>Enhanced use of technology to support information sharing, program delivery and/or external agency access to inmates/offenders</i> • <i>Improved inmate/offender access to programming and treatment</i> <p>P-HSJCC Feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Improving access to programming and treatment is a very important consideration. ➤ Individual needs vary depending on the length of time in custody (i.e., those on remand versus those who are sentenced). <p>5. Are there other potential improvements to the community reintegration planning process that were not listed in the previous question?</p>

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	<p>P-HSJCC Feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ No feedback available <p>6. What is working well with the current community reintegration process?</p> <p>P-HSJCC Feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Release from custody workers, community agencies and probation/parole have adapted during COVID-19 and are working very hard to continue to connect individuals to integral supports. <p><u>ACTION:</u> The Secretariat will send a memo to the P-HSJCC summarizing key messages from today's discussion and provide an opportunity for members to provide additional feedback in advance of the engagement session.</p>
8) Anti-Racism Survey Results Presentation	<p>The Secretariat and P-HSJCC Anti-Racism Advisory Committee Co-Chair presented on the survey results from the Regional and Local HSJCCs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Through the survey results, three key project areas emerged including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Knowledge exchange opportunities ○ Strategies for improved member engagement ○ Development of a provincial framework. ➤ The P-HSJCC is in support of all identified project areas over the course of the P-HSJCC's three-year workplan cycle. <p><u>ACTION:</u> The Secretariat to send presentation slides on the survey results and project areas to the P-HSJCC.</p>
9) Presentation of Outline for P-HSJCC PWLE Guidebook & Next Steps	<p>The Secretariat provided an update on the People with Lived Experience (PWLE) Advisory Committee's work including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ An outline of guidebook contents ➤ The timelines for the guidebook release plan (preview at P-HSJCC conference session) ➤ Potential evaluation methods <p><u>ACTION:</u> The Secretariat to follow up with Regional and Local Chairs as the guidebook is prepared for release.</p>

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Item for Discussion	Discussion

Regional HSJCC and Partner Updates

- 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?

7) Updates from Regional HSJCCs and Partners

Regional HSJCC Representatives (Voting Members)

HSJCC	Person that provided update	Information Shared
HNBHN	Trevor	
Champlain	Cheryl	
Durham	Katie/Sheila	
HKPR	Jonathan	
Halton	Katie/ Kimberly	
North East	Caitlin	
North West	Jenny	
Peel	Mary P	
Simcoe-Muskoka	Debbie B	

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South West	N/A		
South East	N/A		
Toronto	Susan		
Waterloo-Wellington	N/A		
York-South Simcoe	Jason		
Ministry Representatives (Ex-Officio)			
Ministry	Person that provided update	Information Shared	
Corrections Service Canada	N/A		
SolGen- Correctional Services			
SolGen – Public Safety Division	Joe		
SolGen- Anti-Racism Division	TBA		
MOH	Amy		
MAG	Rebecca		
MCCSS – Youth Justice Services Division	Phan		

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	MCCSS – Community Services Division	N/A	
	Other Members (Ex-Officio)		
	Other Members	Person that provided update	Information Shared
	CMHA Ontario	Shawn	
	LHIN	N/A	
	Community Networks of Specialized Care	Lisa	
	Legal Aid Ontario	N/A	
	Connex Ontario	Lori	
	OACP	Bill	
	Forensic Directors Group	Michelle	
	OPP	Lisa	
	CAMH PSSP	N/A	
	John Howard Society of Ontario	N/A	
	Justice for Children and Youth	Mary	
	P-HSJCC People With Lived Experience (PWLE) Committee	Fran / Steve	
13) Meeting adjournment	The Provincial HSJCC meeting of September 21, 2021, adjourned at approximately 4:00PM.		
Next P-HSJCC Monthly Updates Meeting: November 23, 2021 – 2:00pm – 4:00pm			

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Virtual Platform: Zoom	