

Provincial Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: March 19 2024, Time: 1:30pm – 4:00pm

ATTENDANCE

Co-Chairs, Policy Support, and HSJCC Secretariat		P	R
Provincial Co-Chairs	Sara Dias		R
	Katie Howse	✓	
CMHA Ontario & HSJCC Secretariat support	Candace Vena, Director of Justice Policy	✓	
	Andrew Fairbairn, Network Coordinator	✓	
	Sara Fruchtman, Community Reintegration Lead Policy Analyst	✓	
	Erin Paquette, Justice Lead Policy Analyst	✓	
	Ashleigh Addison, Project Manager	✓	
	Andy Luu, Stakeholder Engagement & Communication Specialist	✓	
Regional HSJCC Representatives (Voting Members)			
Hamilton/Niagara/Brant/Haldimand/Norfolk (HNBHN)	Mary Ellen Ruddell, Director, Mental Health Court Support and Peer Support Services	✓	
Champlain	Sarah Telford, Social Worker, Royal Ottawa Mental Health Services		R
Durham	Nicole Tracy, Program Manager (Case Management), Durham Mental Health Services, Lakeridge Health	✓	
	Valerie Mussington, Mental Health Court Support Work, Durham Mental Health Services		R
Haliburton/Kawartha/Pine Ridge (HKPR)	Kim Kennelly, Program Manager, Case Management and Justice Services, Canadian Mental Health Association HKPR	✓	
	Teryl Hoefel, Executive Director, Brain Injury Association Peterborough Region		R
Halton Regional	Kerri Kightley, Director of Programs and Services, CMHA HKPR	✓	
	Katie Howse, Manager of Justice Services, John Howard Society of Peel-Halton-Dufferin	✓	

	Kimberly Cato, Founder and CEO, True Roots Counselling	✓	
North East Regional	Caitlin Germond, Justice Coordinator, Canadian Mental Health Association Sudbury Manitoulin Branch	✓	
	Kim McBride, Justice Worker, Canadian Mental Health Association, Sault Ste Marie Branch	✓	
North West Regional	Jennifer Hyslop, Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Mental Health Association Thunder Bay		R
	Jenny Leadbeater, NW Community Mobilization Coordinator, Canadian Mental Health Association - Thunder Bay Branch		R
	Claire Thiessen, Student	✓	
Peel Dufferin Regional	Marlon Murphy, Co-Chair, Peel Regional HSJCC	✓	
Simcoe Muskoka Regional	Katherine Hunt, Youth Mental Health Worker, CMHA-Simcoe County Branch	✓	
South East Regional HSJCC	Julia Brooker, Court Diversion and Support, Addiction and Mental Health Services, (KFL&A) Kingston Frontenac Lennox Addington		R
	Julie Lambert, Manager, Addiction and Mental Health Services, (KFL&A) Kingston Frontenac Lennox Addington		R
South West Regional HSJCC	Erika Sweitzer, Manager of Diversion Services, St. Leonard's Community Services for London, and Region		R
	Trevor Tymchuk, Chair, Communications & Knowledge Exchange Committee	✓	
Toronto	Susan Davis, Executive Director, Gerstein Crisis Centre		R
	Tazio Clarke, Policy Development Officer, Toronto Office to Prevent Violence, City of Toronto	✓	
	Sarah James, Team Lead-Community Program, John Howard Society of Toronto	✓	
Waterloo-Wellington	Victoria Peters, Manager, IMPACT and Mental Health & Justice	✓	
York-South Simcoe	Crystal Kukucska, Case Manager, Canadian Mental Health Association York, and South Simcoe		R

	Crystal Irish, Addiction Support Worker, Addiction Services of Central Ontario		R
Ministry Representatives (Ex-Officio)			
Correctional Service Canada	Brooklyn Stroeder, Regional Manager, Community Mental Health		R
Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS)	Phan Luong, Manager, Planning and Program Development Branch, Youth Justice Service Division		R
	Zoe Kavoukian-Scharf, Policy & Program Analyst, Planning and Program Development Branch, Specialized Client Services, Youth Services	✓	
	Priscilla Boateng, Policy and Program Analyst, Specialized Services and Education Unit, Youth Justice Division,	✓	
	Lisa Smith, Senior Policy Analyst, Clinical Interventions Unit, Programming, Interventions & Evaluation Branch (PIEB), Youth Justice Division	✓	
	Naama Baumgarten-Sharon, Project Lead, Programming, Interventions & Evaluation Branch (PIEB), Clinical Interventions Unit	✓	
	Tricia Hong, Manager, Community Supports Policy Branch, Community Services Division		R
	Joanne Patey, Senior Policy Analyst, Clinical Interventions Unit (CIU)		R
	Tracy Horsley, Program Analyst, Clinical Interventions Unit (CIU)	✓	
	Lin Lin, Senior Policy Advisor, Community and Development Services Policy Branch, Program Policy Unit	✓	
Ministry of Health (MOH)	Dianna Cochrane, Team Lead, Forensics and Justice Unit, Mental Health, and Addiction Programs Branch	✓	
	Amy Herskowitz, Senior Program Consultant, Forensics and Justice Unit, Mental Health, and Addiction Programs Branch		R
	Anjanette Brown, Program Consultant, Mental Health, and Justice Programs	✓	
Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG)	Dena Bonnet, Counsel, Crown Law Office – Criminal	✓	
	Danny Morton, Legal Counsel, Indigenous Justice Division		R

	Brandon Jacko, Senior Policy Advisor, Indigenous Justice Branch		R
Ministry of Solicitor General (SOLGEN)	Keri Zammit, Senior Social Worker/Special Needs Consultant, Mental Health and Addictions, Corporate Healthcare and Wellness		R
	Yoko Murphy, Client Mental Health Lead within the Mental Health, and Addictions Unit		R
	Brad Tamsco, Manager, Mental Health and Addictions, Corporate Health Care and Wellness Branch		R
	Joe Carruthers, Senior Policy Advisor Policing Standards Section, External Relations Branch, Public Safety Division	✓	
Other Members (Ex-Officio)			
CMHA Ontario Division	Candace Vena, Director of Justice Policy	✓	
	Michelle Squires, Director of Public Policy	✓	
Community Networks of Specialized Care	Nicole Maurice, Coordinator, Eastern Region Community Network of Specialized Care	✓	
Connex Ontario	Nerin Kaur, Executive Director, ConnexOntario	✓	
Legal Aid Ontario	Dina Zalkind, Criminal Policy Counsel	✓	
Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police	Joe Couto, Director of Government Relations, and Communications		R
Ontario Provincial Police	Lisa Longworth, Program Analyst – Support, Community Safety Services		R
	Chantal Dupuis, Program Analyst & Mental Health Lead, Community Safety Services, Support		R
Forensic Directors Group	Michelle Davidson, RN, Manager Forensic Mental Health Program, Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre		R
Centre for Addiction and Mental Health	TBD		R
Justice for Children and Youth	Mary Birdsell, Executive Director		R
	Samira Ahmed, Staff Lawyer (maternity leave as of August 12, 2022)		R
John Howard Society of Ontario	Safiyah Husein, Policy Analyst	✓	

Mental Health Commission of Canada	Krystal Kelly, Program Coordinator, Mental Health Advancement	✓	
PeerWorks	Allyson Theodorou, Executive Director		R
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)	Michael Jacek, Senior Advisor		R
P-HSJCC People with Lived Experience Committee Chair	Steve Torresan, Co-Chair, P-HSJCC People with Lived Experience Committee	✓	
P-HSJCC Anti-Racism Advisory Committee	Valeria Danieli, Co-Chair, P-HSJCC Anti-Racism Advisory Committee	✓	

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS & ACTION ITEMS

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretariat to follow up with Michael Parkinson for the DSNO presentation to include in the March P-HSCC Meeting Highlights package.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretariat to schedule meeting with DSNO to discuss potential opportunities for collaboration.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretariat to share CMHA Ontario/Secretariat MOU with members once signed by P-HSJCC Co-Chairs and CMHA Ontario CEO.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretariat to upload final P-HSJCC 2024-2025 Workplan to the HSJCC website.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretariat to send P-HSJCC voting members options for the police representation at P-HSJCC meetings for approval via email. Secretariat to then follow up with OACP to identify representative as an ex-officio member at future P-HSJCC meetings.

MEETING MINUTES

Item	Discussion
Welcome & Introductions	P-HSJCC Co-Chair Katie Howse welcomed the attendees to the Provincial HSJCC Bi-monthly meeting of March 19 th , 2024.
Land Acknowledgement	Secretariat Network Coordinator, Andrew Fairbairn delivered the land acknowledgment
Review/Approval of consent agenda	<p>Katie Howse reviewed consent agenda items for approval, which included the March 19th, 2024, P-HSJCC meeting agenda, January 18th, 2024, P-HSJCC meeting minutes, and February 18th, 2024, P-HSJCC Executive Committee meeting minutes and March Secretariat updates, Projected Q4 budget totals, and survey feedback from the January 18th, 2024, P-HSJCC meeting.</p> <p>Motion to approve consent agenda: Trevor Tymchuk Seconded by: Valeria Danieli</p>
Drug Strategy Network of Ontario (DSNO) Presentation	<p>Michael Parkinson presented on the priority areas for the DSNO including a recent submission to the provincial and federal governments on the need for prescribed safe supply programs as part of a continuum of care options in a comprehensive approach to substance use issues.</p> <p>The Secretariat proposed the potential for DSNO, the P-HSJCC, and regional and local committees to collaborate on knowledge exchange opportunities as it relates to harm reduction approaches to address the drug toxicity crisis.</p>
P-HSJCC 2024-2025 Workplan and Budget	The Secretariat presented the final draft of the P-HSJCC Workplan 2024-2025 which was approved by voting members.

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<p>P-HSJCC and CMHA Ontario Memorandum of Understanding</p>	<p>The Secretariat provided an overview of the updated P-HSJCC/CMHA Ontario Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. P-HSJCC voting members approved the updated MOU.</p> <p>The Secretariat will have CMHA Ontario’s CEO sign off on the MOU and include the P-HSJCC Co-Chairs signatures before circulating back to the table.</p>
<p>Crisis Response Preliminary Survey Results</p>	<p>The Secretariat presented the Crisis Response initial survey results that was sent throughout the HSJCC Network in January 2024. The survey closed in March 2024.</p> <p>The survey was in response to stakeholder feedback on the <u>Developing Mobile Crisis Response Teams: A framework for Ontario</u> which emphasized the need for an updated inventory that includes both police led, and community led crisis response teams and reflects changes in the service landscape since the previous environmental scan was completed in 2020.</p> <p>The Secretariat will present full survey results and data analysis during the P-HSJCC May in-person meeting, with further discussion of the results and the associated next steps.</p>
<p>P-HSJCC May In-person Meeting Updates</p>	<p>The Secretariat presented updates for the May in-person meeting which will be held on Monday May 13th at the Double Tree Hotel Toronto, 108 Chestnut Street. This year, the meeting will be focused on “Moving beyond stigma and discrimination: humanizing individuals within the human services and justice systems.”</p> <p>A draft agenda will be presented to the Executive Committee meeting on April 16th and then shared with members.</p>
<p>Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) Representation at P-HSJCC Meetings</p>	<p>The Secretariat led a discussion and presented potential options for diverse police representation as part of the OACP ex-officio position on the P-HSJCC.</p> <p>The Secretariat also proposed the creation of a new ex-officio position for Indigenous led police services. The Secretariat will send P-HSJCC voting members options for approval via email.</p>
<p>P-HSJCC Member Engagement Updates</p>	<p>The Secretariat will be sending the <u>HSJCC Chair & Co-Chair Member Engagement Survey</u> out to Regional Chairs on March 21st.</p> <p>The purpose of the survey is to gather information that will help the Secretariat to better understand how they can support improved member engagement and work of the regional committees.</p>

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Updates from Regional HSJCC's & Partners	
HNBHN	<p>The Regional committee hosted the first of a three-webinar series on the topic of traumatic brain injury and the intersectionality of the justice sector. 146 people have registered for the webinar series.</p> <p>Regional and Local committees have submitted their 2024-2025 workplans to the Secretariat.</p> <p>Hamilton Local HSJCC now has a person with lived experience as a member of the table.</p> <p>The Regional table has successfully come up with a solution to define the purpose of their table and will no longer discuss clients at meetings and will focus more on becoming a systems table for future meetings.</p>
Champlain East	N/A
Durham	No updates
HKPR	<p>The Regional Committee is working on the 2024/2025 workplan and finalizing the 2023/2024 annual report. Learnings from 2023-2024 final workplan includes looking at ways to improve member engagement.</p> <p>The committee will be reaching out to the Secretariat for assistance around member engagement.</p>
Halton	The Regional Committee is working on the 2024-2025 workplan and finalizing the 2023-2024 annual report. The committee will emphasize member engagement strategies for their 2024-2025 workplan cycle and will reach out to the Secretariat for support.
NW regional	N/A
NE Regional	<p>Regional Co-Chair Caitlin Germond will be stepping down from Regional and Local Sudbury-Manitoulin committees in May. A new person from CMHA will take on her role and attend the May P-HSJCC meeting.</p> <p>The other NE local/district committees have seen improved engagement recently.</p>
South East	N/A
Simcoe Muskoka	The Regional Committee Co-Chair Katherine Hunt will be going on maternity leave in May and Debbie Bigelow will be stepping in as the interim Co-Chair until another person comes on board on contract to take Katherine's Co-Chair place on the committee.

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South West	<p>The Regional Committee is re-organizing the way the regional table is set up. The Regional table will be more systems oriented rather than administrated as it is currently.</p> <p>The Regional Committee is also looking at merging the Elgin County local committee (which has not been functioning) with other local committees.</p>
Toronto	<p>The Regional committee is looking at developing a working group for the Red Bag Program to assist in assigning and clarifying distribution responsibilities.</p>
Waterloo Wellington	N/A
York South Simcoe	<p>The Regional committee is focusing on member engagement and have created four sub committees that members chose to participate in.</p> <p>The four subcommittee categories are Recruitment, Release from Custody, Lunch and Learn, and Conference (March 20th, 2025 – Alternatives in the Justice System).</p> <p>The Regional committee has been partnering with John Howard Society of York Regional on a winter warmth survival program for clients who are unable to secure shelters</p>
Ministry Updates (Ex-Officio)	
Correctional Service Canada	N/A
Ministry of Children, Community & Social Services (MCCSS)	No updates
Ministry of the Solicitor General (SolGen)	No updates
Ministry of Health (MOH)	No updates
Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG)	<p>Ministry is working on a Mental Health Courts Best Practices project in partnership with the P-HSJCC. MAG met with the Secretariat in March for an initial discussion on building the foundation for the project.</p>
Other Members' (Ex-Officio) Updates	

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PWLE (Persons with Lived Experience) Committee	The PWLE committee has been reviewing the Terms of Reference and Honorarium policy. The committee has had an increase in membership.
Anti-Racism Committee	The Anti-Racism Advisory Committee's framework working group has been meeting on a regular basis. Currently, the committee has established a preliminary outline of the framework's main components and has made considerable progress on the introduction and background sections. The committee will continue looking for opportunities to update the network on the framework's progress and the completion of some key deliverables.
Community Networks of Specialized Care	No updates
ConnexOntario	N/A
CMHA Ontario	CMHA Ontario will be reviewing the Provincial budget announcement for investments in the community mental health and addictions sector and will share any analysis that comes from the budget once it's released.
Legal Aid Ontario	<p>LAO has been going through tariff reform for what and how much they can cover on certificates for lawyers. The latest phase 2A came into effect on March 4, 2024.</p> <p>Phase 2A contains some improved coverage for clients who are in custody such as bail, bail reviews, buyer attention reviews and the addition of some coverage for lawyers who are representing clients with mental health issues in criminal courts.</p>
Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police	N/A
Ontario Provincial Police	N/A
Directors Forensic Group	N/A
John Howard Society of Ontario	JHSO released a report that looked at employment and police records called " <u>Not in My Workplace: Addressing Workplace of Individuals with Criminal Records</u> ". The report involved an analysis of findings from employers across Canada that were surveyed to look at their perspective and practices around hiring people with criminal records and then examining options to address some of those issues.

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Mental Health Commission of Canada	Over the last year and a half MHCC has been developing a National Action Plan on Mental Health and Criminal Justice and is currently bringing together all the information from engagement activities to discover potential gaps. The draft is expected to be ready by fall of 2024, then open for a review period and implementation.
PeerWorks	N/A
Justice for Children Youth	N/A
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)	<p>AMO is working with the provision of the federal government towards a plan to end homelessness by examining chronic homelessness up to the year 2030 as well finding solutions for encampment residents.</p> <p>They are also working on new mental health and addictions initiatives and have partnered with CMHA Ontario who sit on the AMO Health Task Force.</p> <p>They are working on developing a profile to understand scale, scope, complexity, and projected growth of chronic homelessness over the next few years including an assessment of interventions and their costs for housing and supportive housing.</p>
Meeting adjournment	<p>The Provincial HSJCC meeting of March 19th, 2024, adjourned at approximately 4:00pm.</p> <p>The next P-HSJCC meeting will be held on 9:00am – 3:45pm, Monday May 13th, 2024, In-person Meeting: Double Tree Hotel, 108 Chestnut Street, Toronto. A virtual link will be sent for those unable to attend in person a week before the meeting.</p>