

## Provincial Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes

*Date: September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Time: 1:30pm– 4:00pm*

### ATTENDANCE

<b>Co-Chairs, Policy Support, and HSJCC Secretariat</b>		<b>P</b>	<b>R</b>
<b>Provincial Co-Chairs</b>	Sara Dias		<b>R</b>
	Katie Howse	<b>P</b>	
<b>CMHA Ontario &amp; HSJCC Secretariat support</b>	Candace Vena, Director of Justice Policy	<b>P</b>	
	Ally Stevenson, Network Coordinator	<b>P</b>	
	Sara Fruchtman, Policy Analyst, Community Reintegration Lead	<b>P</b>	
	Julia Laine, Community Reintegration Coordinator	<b>P</b>	
	Erin Paquette, Policy Analyst, Justice Lead	<b>P</b>	
	Andy Luu, Stakeholder Engagement & Communication Specialist	<b>P</b>	
<b>Regional HSJCC Representatives (Voting Members)</b>			
<b>Hamilton/Niagara/Brant/Haldimand/Norfolk (HNBHN) Regional</b>	Mary Ellen Ruddell, Director, Mental Health Court Support and Peer Support Services	<b>P</b>	
	Krystal Rioux, Supervisor, COAST Program, St. Joseph Hospital		<b>R</b>
<b>Champlain Regional</b>	Sarah Telford, Social Worker, Royal Ottawa Mental Health Services		<b>R</b>
	Kim Breen, Director of Patient Care Services, Ottawa Forensic Program, The Royal Hospital	<b>P</b>	
<b>Haliburton/Kawartha/Pine Ridge (HKPR) Regional</b>	Kim Kennelly, Program Manager, Case Management and Justice Services, Canadian Mental Health Association HKPR	<b>P</b>	
	Teryl Hoefel, Executive Director, Brain Injury Association Peterborough Region		<b>R</b>
	Kerri Kightley, Director of Programs and Services, CMHA HKPR		<b>R</b>
<b>Halton Regional</b>	Katie Howse, Manager of Justice Services, John Howard Society of Peel-Halton-Dufferin	<b>P</b>	
	Kimberly Cato, Founder and CEO, True Roots Counselling	<b>P</b>	
<b>North East Regional</b>	Nicole St-Jean, Justice Services Coordinator, Canadian Mental Health Association, Sudbury Manitoulin Branch	<b>P</b>	
	Kim McBride, Justice Worker, Canadian Mental Health Association, Sault Ste Marie Branch		<b>R</b>

<b>North West Regional</b>	Jennifer Hyslop, Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Mental Health Association Thunder Bay		<b>R</b>
	Jenny Leadbeater, NW Community Mobilization Coordinator, Canadian Mental Health Association - Thunder Bay Branch	<b>P</b>	
<b>Peel Dufferin Regional</b>	Lisa Mahibir, Manager, Mental Health and Justice Services, Canadian Mental Health Association Peel		<b>R</b>
<b>Simcoe Muskoka Regional</b>	Carly Kippen, Mental Health and Addiction Counsellor, Canadian Mental Health Association Barrie	<b>P</b>	
<b>South East Regional HSJCC</b>	Julia Brooker, Court Diversion and Support, Addiction and Mental Health Services, (KFL&A) Kingston Frontenac Lennox Addington		<b>R</b>
	Julie Lambert, Manager, Addiction and Mental Health Services, (KFL&A) Kingston Frontenac Lennox Addington		<b>R</b>
<b>South West Regional HSJCC</b>	Erika Sweitzer, Manager of Diversion Services, St. Leonard's Community Services for London, and Region	<b>P</b>	
	Trevor Tymchuk, Chair, Communications & Knowledge Exchange Committee	<b>P</b>	
<b>Toronto Regional</b>	Susan Davis, Executive Director, Gerstein Crisis Centre		<b>R</b>
	Tazio Clarke, Policy Development Officer, Toronto Office to Prevent Violence, City of Toronto		<b>R</b>
	Sarah James, Team Lead-Community Program, John Howard Society of Toronto	<b>P</b>	
	Domenica Dileo, Toronto Regional HSJCC Coordinator, CMHA Toronto		<b>R</b>
<b>Waterloo-Wellington Regional</b>	Victoria Peters, Manager, IMPACT and Mental Health & Justice	<b>P</b>	
<b>York-South Simcoe Regional</b>	Crystal Irish, Addiction Support Worker, Addiction Services of Central Ontario	<b>P</b>	
<b>Ministry Representatives (Ex-Officio)</b>			
<b>Correctional Service Canada (CSC)</b>	Brooklyn Stroeder, Regional Manager, Community Mental Health		<b>R</b>
<b>Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS)</b>	Phan Luong, Manager, Planning and Program Development Branch, Youth Justice Service Division	<b>P</b>	
	Zoe Kavoukian-Scharf, Policy & Program Analyst, Planning and Program Development Branch, Specialized Client Services, Youth Services		<b>R</b>
	Priscilla Boateng, Policy and Program Analyst, Specialized Services and Education Unit, Youth Justice Division		<b>R</b>
	Andrew Bacchus, Manager, Clinical Interventions Unit, Programming, Interventions & Evaluation Branch (PIEB), Youth Justice Division		<b>R</b>

	Lisa Smith, Senior Policy Analyst, Clinical Interventions Unit, Programming, Interventions & Evaluation Branch (PIEB), Youth Justice Division		R
	Naama Baumgarten-Sharon, Project Lead, Programming, Interventions & Evaluation Branch (PIEB), Clinical Interventions Unit		R
	Tricia Hong, Manager, Community Supports Policy Branch, Community Services Division		R
	Tracy Horsley, Program Analyst, Clinical Interventions Unit (CIU)		R
	Lin Ying Lin, Senior Policy Advisory, Program Policy Unit, Community and Developmental Services Policy Branch		R
<b>Ministry of Health (MOH)</b>	Dianna Cochrane, Team Lead, Forensics and Justice Unit, Mental Health, and Addiction Programs Branch	P	
	Amy Herskowitz, Senior Program Consultant, Forensics and Justice Unit, Mental Health, and Addiction Programs Branch	P	
	Anjanette Brown, Program Consultant, Mental Health, and Justice Programs		R
<b>Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG)</b>	Dena Bonnet, Counsel, Crown Law Office – Criminal	P	
	Danny Morton, Legal Counsel, Indigenous Justice Division		R
	Brandon Jacko, Senior Policy Advisor, Indigenous Justice Branch	P	
	Tamara Gates, Team Lead, Policy, Program Design and Evaluation Unit, Victims and Vulnerable Persons Division	P	
	Nicole Siron, Program Coordinator, Policy, Program Design and Evaluation Unit, Victims and Vulnerable Persons Division	P	
<b>Ministry of Solicitor General (SOLGEN)</b>	Keri Zammit, Senior Social Worker/Special Needs Consultant, Mental Health and Addictions, Corporate Healthcare and Wellness	P	
	Tijana Lakovic, Senior Manager, Community Correctional Services Division		R
	Brad Tamsco, Manager, Mental Health and Addictions, Corporate Health Care and Wellness Branch	P	
	Joe Carruthers, Senior Policy Advisor Policing Standards Section, External Relations Branch, Public Safety Division	P	
<b>Other Members (Ex-Officio)</b>			
<b>CMHA Ontario Division</b>	Joe Kim, Chief Operating Officer	P	
	Michelle Squires, Director of Public Policy		R
<b>Community Networks of Specialized Care</b>	Nicole Maurice, Coordinator, Southwest Region Community Network of Specialized Care	P	
<b>Connex Ontario</b>	Nerin Kaur, Executive Director, ConnexOntario	P	
<b>Legal Aid Ontario</b>	Dina Zalkind, Criminal Policy Counsel		R

	Fallon Melander, Associate Vice President, Indigenous Services Department	P	
	Rebecca Hammond, Indigenous Services Department	P	
<b>Mental Health Community of Practice for Law Enforcement</b>	Amanda Hoover, Staff Sergeant, Community Safety and Well-Being Unit, Durham Regional Police		R
<b>Ontario Provincial Police</b>	Lisa Longworth, Program Analyst – Support, Community Safety Services		R
	Chantal Dupuis, Program Analyst & Mental Health Lead, Community Safety Services, Support	P	
<b>Forensic Directors Group</b>	Michelle Davidson, RN, Manager Forensic Mental Health Program, Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre	P	
<b>Justice for Children and Youth</b>	Mary Birdsell, Executive Director		R
	Samira Ahmed, Lawyer	P	
<b>John Howard Society of Ontario</b>	Safiyah Husein, Director of Policy	P	
<b>Mental Health Commission of Canada</b>	Krystal Kelly, Program Coordinator, Mental Health Advancement	P	
<b>PeerWorks</b>	Allyson Theodorou, Executive Director	P	
<b>Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)</b>	Michael Jacek, Senior Advisor	P	
	Alicia Neufeld, Senior Manager	P	
<b>Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres</b>	Niki Hashie, Director, Justice	P	
	Hayden Moore, Policy Advisor, Justice		R
	Ginesse Manning, Senior Justice Program Advisor		R
<b>P-HSJCC People with Lived Experience Committee Chair</b>	Steve Torresan, Co-Chair, P-HSJCC People with Lived Experience Committee	P	
<b>P-HSJCC Anti-Racism Advisory Committee</b>	Valeria Danieli, Co-Chair, P-HSJCC Anti-Racism Advisory Committee		R
<b>Special Guest/Presenters</b>			
<b>Mental Health Partners</b>	Erin Boudreau, Executive Director	P	
<b>Canadian Mental Health Association</b>	Nik Carverhill, Policy Analyst, Substance Use and Addiction Portfolio	P	
	Heather Uchman, Policy Analyst, Health Systems Transformation Portfolio	P	
<b>Mental Health and Addictions Centre of Excellence</b>	Kirandeep Kharpal, Senior Business Partner, Planning, Performance, Operations and Engagement	P	
	Danyal Martin, Director of Clinical Programs	P	

## SUMMARY OF DECISIONS & ACTION ITEMS

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regional chairs to reach out to <a href="#">Andy Luu</a> regarding issues with member engagement.</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Secretariat to share the Centre of Excellence slide deck.</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Secretariat to share priority setting slide deck and priority setting package to all members.</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Secretariat to share all links provided by members in the meeting.</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Secretariat to share more details on pre-budget discussion via email and discuss with Executive Committee on Oct 15th, 2024. Secretariat to share pre-budget submission slide deck.</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Provincial HSJCC to revisit HART hubs discussion at November meeting. Secretariat to share HART Hubs slide deck, and regional chairs to discuss at committee meetings before the next provincial meeting in November.</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Members who have pre-charge diversion programs are encouraged to please contact <a href="#">Chantal Dupuis</a> from the Ontario Provincial Police and copy <a href="#">Erin Paquette</a>.</li></ul>

## MEETING MINUTES

Item	Discussion
<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	<p>P-HSJCC Co-Chair Katie Howse welcomed the attendees to the Provincial HSJCC Bi-monthly meeting of September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024.</p> <p>Co-Chair Katie welcomed the following new members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ally Stevenson</b> has joined the HSJCC Secretariat team as the new Network Coordinator.</li> <li>• <b>Lisa Mahibir</b> has joined as the new chair for Peel Regional HSJCC.</li> <li>• <b>Carley Kippen</b> has joined as the new chair for Simcoe-Muskoka Regional HSJCC.</li> <li>• <b>Kim Breen</b> has joined as the new co-chair for Champlain Regional HSJCC.</li> <li>• <b>Nicole St. Jean</b> has joined as the new co-chair for the Northeast Regional HSJCC.</li> <li>• <b>Tamara Gates</b> and <b>Nicole Siron</b> have joined us as representatives from the Victims and Vulnerable Person’s Division, within the Ministry of the Attorney General.</li> <li>• <b>Alica Neufeld</b> has joined us as a second representative from Association of Municipalities of Ontario</li> <li>• <b>Niki Hashie</b> has joined us from the Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres.</li> <li>• <b>Fallon Melander and Rebecca Hammond</b> are joining us from the new Indigenous Services Department within Legal Aid Ontario.</li> </ul>
<b>Land Acknowledgement</b>	<p>Hamilton/Niagara/Brant/Haldimand/Norfolk (HNBHN) Regional Co-Chair Mary Ellen Ruddell delivered the land acknowledgment.</p>
<b>Consent Agenda</b>	<p><b>Co-Chair Katie</b> introduced the list items in the Consent Agenda for approval by P-HSJCC voting members which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agenda of September 17, 2024</li> <li>• Minutes of May 13, 2024, P-HSJCC Meeting</li> <li>• Minutes of June 25, 2024, P-HSJCC Executive Committee Meeting</li> <li>• Updates from the Secretariat</li> <li>• 2024-2025 Projected Q2 Budget Totals</li> <li>• May 13 P-HSJCC Meeting Survey Results</li> </ul> <p>A member asked about whether the pre-budget discussion would be in-camera. Candace Vena, CMHA Ontario, advised it would not be in-camera as ministry partners can listen into the discussion but will not provide any feedback.</p>

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	<p>Jenny Leadbeater raised that she attended the P-HSJCC May meeting, and that the minutes needed to be adjusted to reflect this. Secretariat to edit the minutes to reflect Jenny's attendance.</p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> P-HSJCC voting member Trevor Tymchuk motioned to approve the <b>P-HSJCC Consent Agenda for September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024</b>. P-HSJCC voting member Sarah James seconded.</p>
<p><b>Regional HSJCC and Partner Updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is there any information that you would like to share with the P-HSJCC?</li> <li>• How can the PHSJCC + Secretariat support you?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Co-Chair Katie</b> called on each representative to provide an update. See updates below.</p>
<p><b>Regional Co-Chair Updates</b></p>	
<p><b>Hamilton/Niagara/Brant/Haldimand/Norfolk</b></p>	<p>Mary Ellen provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Their committee was able to successfully secure co-chair Krystal Rioux.</li> <li>• Low turnout in August regarding engagement but noted Niagara detention is bringing on new programming with case management and employment.</li> <li>• Also shared the institutions can apply for ID.</li> <li>• The Jordan Directive is taking up time in the justice management meetings.</li> <li>• Low uptake overall in regional and working groups. Asking for future Secretariat support with engagement- they are finding working groups in working with the locals but not the regional currently.</li> <li>• March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025, in Hamilton region, there will be a state of the union workshop from 10am-2pm on the local and Canadian state of affairs with substance use and involuntary treatment as a potential topics. Representatives from community, justice and research/hospital sector will be there.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Champlain</b></p>	<p>Kim provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports the committee last met in May, and they have a meeting next week</li> <li>• Looking at doing a community wide training session with Ottawa Police Service and expanding work with Mobile Crisis Response.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes, Pine Ridge</b></p>	<p>Kim provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last meeting was in June, in-person.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They are looking to expand membership with a local representative from the hospital and the Executive Director for the Addiction Services for the Four Counties, who currently oversees Consumption and Treatment Service sites.</li> <li>• Has students on board for three research projects: Just Housing, Reintegration, and Therapeutic Courts.</li> <li>• They have an HSJCC Indigenous-led working group called “Making Tracks”, back in June, they had that event at the Haliburton Wolf Centre, with 39 youth, Elders and Knowledge Keepers in attendance. They will be meeting weekly and are planning their fall event around fire teachings, medicine walk, traditional harvest practices. They have representatives from four Indigenous communities within HKPR.</li> <li>• Locals are working on engagement.</li> <li>• Finding working groups are helpful for regional committee.</li> </ul>
<b>Halton</b>	<p>Katie and Kimberly provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning engagement session with Secretariat in October.</li> <li>• They are doing a Level 1 anti-black racism training in collaboration with another local organization. In order to have people do Level 2 training, there will be a 1-day refresher. Also in collaboration with the community of practice, they are taking the experience from L1 and L2 and putting this work into action/integration.</li> <li>• They are finishing the workbook for front-line workers. Establishing strong partnerships with organizations. Having first in-person meeting since covid in Oct.</li> </ul>
<b>North West</b>	<p>Jenny provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restorative justice court, CMHA and Matawa first nations in discussion with MAG about position in that court. Matawa will take the lead, but CMHA will be directly providing support.</li> <li>• Thunder Bay Drug Treatment Court- lead for that is through the Indigenous Friendship Centre</li> <li>• Issues that have come up: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ transportation upon release from custody, funding has ceased since covid, especially problematic with youth and detention center closures.</li> <li>○ Income support and benefit reinstatements upon release (OW or ODSP), income reinstatement/benefits take too long and leads to many barriers post-release.</li> <li>○ Cost for neuropsych assessment/FASD assessments.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Standing item has been transitional and supportive housing, EFry has taken lead on working group to conduct environmental scan on housing, identify gaps in housing.</li> <li>• Looking to have speakers talk about incarceration rates, as well as having OPP. Asking about Secretariat staff speak to regional and local and provincial tables.</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FASD justice system WG, developed series of briefing notes on the burden of alcohol on the justice system. Received insightful recommendations and will be incorporated into their FASD group.</li> <li>• Looking deeper into Calls to Action #33 and #44.</li> </ul>
<b>North East</b>	<p>Nicole provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports committee had a break over the summer and will be pulling a meeting together in October.</li> <li>• One issue they are dealing with is engagement. Will reach out to Secretariat for assistance.</li> <li>• Currently exploring a justice-hub, working on logistics.</li> </ul>
<b>South East</b>	N/A
<b>York and South Simcoe</b>	<p>Crystal provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently looking for new co-chair.</li> <li>• Planning conference in March 2025. Will have registration open come October.</li> </ul>
<b>South West</b>	<p>Erika provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• London table met in May to refresh their Terms of Reference to help ground their work.</li> <li>• Next meeting is in October, and they will be discussing trying to revisit the red envelope program with the detention centre.</li> <li>• Regional committee has had lots of changes with membership and is looking at recruitment for new members.</li> </ul>
<b>Toronto</b>	<p>Sarah provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee last met in June, main themes is amalgamating committees (North York and West) to accommodate new court location.</li> <li>• Will be revising their Terms of Reference.</li> <li>• Current issues/initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Planning for Toronto Local Meeting Nov 7<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>○ 2023-2024 anti-racism lunch and learns will continue.</li> <li>○ Issues with client transportation and court wait times.</li> <li>○ Looking at community reintegration planning and access to resources such as Safe Beds, as well as tracking people's belongings/ID.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Waterloo-Wellington</b>	<p>Victoria provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee has been working on improving engagement, will have local Drug Strategy coordinators as new members and are working on reengaging the Waterloo Regional Police.</li> <li>• They have not been able to find a second co-chair yet.</li> <li>• Has subcommittee working on booklet on Substance Use, Mental Health, and Youth.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They are working on purchasing cellphones for folks who have been released from custody.</li> <li>• They also had a few notable presentations the committee had and has upcoming: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A representative from the Community Resilience Coalition in Guelph who developed trauma-informed policing training.</li> <li>○ Sarah McNall, researcher from Queens University has been invited to present on their work regarding the impact of incarceration on family members.</li> <li>○ Local Drug Strategy coordinators are invited to provide a presentation/update in January on status of HART hub models</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Simcoe-Muskoka</b>	<p>Debbie provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports they are having engagement issues with Collingwood Local HSJCC.</li> <li>• They are doing a lunch and learn on Mobile Crisis Response Teams with South Georgian Bay OPP in October.</li> <li>• The local committees will be getting trauma-informed training in the new year offered through CMHA.</li> <li>• They are working on the social hub at 121 Wellington St in Barrie, hoping to have it up and running mid-December. Also working on running the community justice court in the same building.</li> </ul>
<b>Peel</b>	N/A
<b>Durham</b>	N/A
<b>Ministry Updates (Ex-Officio)</b>	
<b>Correctional Service Canada</b>	N/A
<b>Ministry of Children, Community &amp; Social Services (MCCSS)</b>	Phan from the Youth Justice Division reported there were no updates on the mental health enhancement plan.
<b>Ministry of the Solicitor General (SolGen)</b>	<p>Brad from the Correctional Services Division provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently major focus is on financial requests going to the treasury board.</li> <li>• Transition in care initiative in collaboration with the Indigenous Primary Healthcare Council and Alliance for Healthier Communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Currently in demonstration stage of the project, has been running since May 2024.</li> <li>○ Project entails identifying individuals who don't have a primary care provider in the community and present with complex health care needs that would benefit from a continuum of care.</li> <li>○ Institutional healthcare staff identifies individuals and refer them to a designated community health navigator.</li> <li>○ Involves 8 correctional centres, with 7 designated community health navigators.</li> <li>○ Approx. 240 referrals into program to date, and they continue collect data on this.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They are working closely with Ministry of Health partners on acute care stabilization beds. They have an interministerial mental health and justice committee that meets to discuss mental health initiatives.</li> </ul>
<b>Ministry of Health (MOH)</b>	<p>Dianna provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Through the addiction recovery fund, they funded three new mobile crisis teams in Lambton County, Thunder Bay, and Barrie-Simcoe. These are health led teams - community paramedicine workers paired with mental health workers.</li> <li>• These programs are still working on getting up and running, working with Ontario Health in different regions to determine best way to collect data.</li> </ul>
<b>Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG)</b>	<p>Dena from the Criminal Law Division provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dena spoke about the four Justice Centres (JC's) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ London has processed 2000 cases, with a focus on unique needs of young adults, added additional court date each week, and are exploring an intimate partner violence model.</li> <li>○ Toronto Northwest has processed 1300 cases, with a focus on community violence, gun crime, and the impacts of poverty and systemic racism. Have added designated probation officer.</li> <li>○ Toronto East has processed 2000 cases, exclusively with 51 division in Toronto. They worked with Jean Tweed Centre, in process of launching a gender-tailored response.</li> <li>○ Kenora has processed 600 cases and implemented a continuum of Indigenous restorative justice processes. They are doing work with the Ontario Court of Justice and advisory councils and using Indigenous leadership from Grand Council Treaty 3. They also have a new classroom space, to help meet educational needs of young justice participants.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>A member asked how people are supposed to know about the Justice Centres. Dena shared that it is typically through the Crown, defense council, probation, workers, and believes it's the same process as mental health courts.</p> <p>Tamara and Nicole provided an update and introduction as this was their first provincial meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They shared that the mandate of their division is to protect/advocate on behalf of victims.</li> <li>• They oversee services for witnesses and victims of crime.</li> <li>• Programs within their division are VWAP, designed to support survivors of sexual assault/trafficking.</li> <li>• They oversee federally funded drug treatment court and PAR Programs.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They are currently expanding two programs: independent legal advice program and child victim witness program.</li> </ul>
<b>Other Members' (Ex-Officio) Updates</b>	
<b>PWLE (Persons with Lived Experience) Committee</b>	<p>Steve provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last meeting was Aug 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024.</li> <li>• Claire Tremblay, CMHA Ontario's Communications and Digital Media Strategist presented on the CMHA Someone's Someone' campaign.</li> <li>• Claire sought advice from the committee on the campaign regarding language.</li> <li>• Committee members provided feedback and expressed interest in being featured in the campaign to talk about their lived experience.</li> </ul>
<b>CKE (Communications and Knowledge Exchange) Committee</b>	<p>Trevor provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports the HSJCC will be setting up webinars soon.</li> <li>• The HSJCC is working with a developer on re-vamping the website.</li> </ul>
<b>Conference Planning Committee</b>	<p>Trevor provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee will be meeting in October to start conference planning.</li> <li>• There is still a call for members, and those interested can get in touch with Andy Luu for further information.</li> </ul>
<b>Anti-Racism Committee</b>	N/A
<b>Community Networks of Specialized Care</b>	<p>Nicole provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provincial managers met yesterday and has approved workplan.</li> <li>• Central East branch created a justice app in 2020, and Central West joined in 2022. Offers all of the courts and resources in those areas. Working on a grant to have rest of regions join the app.</li> <li>• Seeing issues with individuals on ODSP in the developmental service sector being released to homelessness, and not having ODSP reactivated, affecting access to medication and income.</li> <li>• Justice case managers and case managers are trying to plan for this prior to release.</li> <li>• Nicole shared that if members have clients are not connected to DDJCs or DDJCMs, they can reach out to the Community Networks of Specialized Care. They are also trying to get DDJCs and DDJCMs to have capacity to re-join local and regional tables in addition to the reintegration tables. Facing issues with staff capacity and travel time but trying to build capacity.</li> <li>• Southwest region is holding a virtual annual conference on October 24<sup>th</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup>. This year the conference is taking on a justice lens. Nicole will share the flyer with Secretariat.</li> </ul>

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<b>ConnexOntario</b>	<p>Nerin provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Launched new website with the hope of improved user website navigation.</li> <li>• Their system navigation model will be changing. They are adding an additional framework called Enhanced Support. A collection of skills used to engage callers in a meaningful conversation and brief emotional support, as well as resources. The aim is to better support the distress lines, to help deescalate clients when they're in distress/crisis. Staff will be having motivational interviewing training (using ORS), amongst other techniques such as identifying change talk/vs sustain talk.</li> <li>• Continuing with crisis assessment and management but have added the Columbia screener to assess safety. They have also incorporated mutual support and briefing techniques to support staff.</li> <li>• Will be piloting the new model Oct 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and will be in full effect as of January 2025.</li> </ul>
<b>CMHA Ontario</b>	N/A
<b>Legal Aid Ontario</b>	<p>Fallon provided an update and introduction as this was her first provincial meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fallon was hired in April as the Associate Vice President creating a brand-new Indigenous Services Department.</li> <li>• Fallon and colleague Rebecca Hammond currently looking at gaps in service within Legal Aid Ontario and the justice sector, intersectionality, and what information is currently out there.</li> <li>• A lot of the work is speaking with communities and partners and looking for opportunities for collaboration with Indigenous communities and Indigenous service providers.</li> <li>• Will be hiring a larger team to be able to service regions and communities across the province.</li> </ul>
<b>Ontario Provincial Police</b>	<p>Chantal provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Wellbeing Team has expanded to four teams, with Lisa Longworth as one of the new team leads.</li> <li>• Each team will provide support to detachments across the province, increasing staff capacity.</li> <li>• Working on comprehensive encampment strategy</li> <li>• Chantal is looking to collect a list of where adult mental health pre-charge diversion is offered. Looking to provide detachments with that information. Secretariat to facilitate this in a follow-up email.</li> </ul>
<b>Directors Forensic Group</b>	<p>Michelle provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently working on their strategic plan</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They continue to work on communication tools with ORB and interpreting terms of disposition.</li> <li>• They will be having leadership change at beginning of next year. Vice-chair will be moving to the chair position, and then there will be voting on a new chair. This will be in place by January 1<sup>st</sup>.</li> </ul>
<b>John Howard Society of Ontario</b>	<p>Safiyah provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New report: second in series on homelessness and justice-involvement, titled <a href="#">Locked Up: Locked Out</a>. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This study surveyed and interviewed people experiencing homelessness and justice-involvement, with approximately 175 participants.</li> <li>○ Looked at key challenges people are facing that lead to or are perpetuating homelessness.</li> <li>○ One of the main findings was that justice-involvement was a leading cause and result of homelessness.</li> <li>○ Report is on the John Howard Society of Ontario website.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Second new report: on youth justice and FASD. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This report came out of an evaluation of a report for justice-involved youth with FASD. Program operated out of the John Howard Society of Hamilton, Burlington &amp; Area.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Mental Health Commission of Canada</b>	<p>Krystal shared the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They are developing a national action plan on mental health and criminal justice, have been developing this for a few years now. Preparing draft for review in early 2025, aiming for release later in 2025.</li> <li>• They are trying to connect with different ministers of justice and mental health to bring awareness of this work.</li> </ul>
<b>Peer Works</b>	<p>Allyson shared the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peer Works is a provincial organization who supports peer support initiatives. They are a province-wide voice for lived experience and peer support.</li> <li>• Part of their work is advocating for and educating on the importance of having peer support within the criminal justice system.</li> <li>• There is a program called the MAPS (Mental Health and Addiction Peer Support) program, funded through the Ministry of the Solicitor General. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This program provides peer support to individuals on probation and parole.</li> <li>○ Clients need a referral to program.</li> <li>○ Helps build connections, build rapport, establish goals, and navigate the system.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If anyone is interested in learning about the program in their region, members can reach out to Allyson.</li> <li>○ They also have a peer support training program.</li> </ul>
<b>Justice for Children Youth</b>	<p>Samira provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They are connected with the Toronto Justice Centre and have an education advocate in that office.</li> <li>• They are currently working on a SSHRC grant in partnership with Western University to try and enhance research and understanding of young people with developmental disabilities in the criminal justice system.</li> <li>• There is a 9-community legal clinic partnership for department of justice for Your Way Forward, which is DB-based legal advice.</li> </ul>
<b>Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)</b>	<p>Michael provided an the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They are currently undertaking an ending chronic homelessness and research advocacy project.</li> <li>• They have also released a few policy papers; one on homeless encampments, and a second on the opioid crisis and evidence-based solutions for prevention, treatment, enforcement, and harm reduction.</li> <li>• Their association is putting on a knowledge exchange symposium on community and supportive housing. Will be exploring themes related to health and justice intersections.</li> </ul>
<b>Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres</b>	<p>Niki provided an update and introduction as this was her first provincial meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Niki is the Director of Justice at the OFIFC.</li> <li>• The OFIFC represents 31 Friendship Centers across Ontario</li> <li>• Friendship Centers support everyday good life for urban Indigenous peoples. They provide wrap-around supports, including housing, employment, reintegration, and justice.</li> </ul>
<b>Presentation and Discussion re: P-HSJCC 2025-2028 Priority Setting Exercise</b>	<p>Ally Stevenson, HSJCC Network Coordinator, will distribute the priority setting materials to all stakeholders, as we did not have time for this discussion.</p>
<b>Presentation from the Mental Health &amp; Addictions Centre of Excellence</b>	<p>Danyal, the Director of Clinical Programs and Kiran, Senior Business Partner, provided a presentation on the Mental Health and Addictions Centre of Excellence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Centre of Excellence (CoE) is a unit within Ontario Health and is responsible for building comprehensive and connected mental health and addiction system.</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The CoE has four clinical areas of focus: depression and anxiety-related disorders, schizophrenia, and psychosis, eating disorders, and substance use disorder.</li> <li>• The CoE has two system-level programs/initiatives. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Mental Health and Addictions Provincial Coordinated Access (PCA)</li> <li>○ The Mental Health and Addictions Data, Analytics, and Reporting Strategy (DARS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ They have a Provincial Data Set (who receives what services, from whom, when, at what cost, and with what effect?)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Member Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A member asked the presenters to speak more to the data dictionary and resources available. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Kiran shared a link for those to access the data dictionary and further information.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• A member asked who they should reach out to if their organization wanted them to present to other groups. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Members can reach out to Danyal or Kiran to set up a presentation.</li> <li>○ Danyal shared that they can also coordinate presenters specific to certain topics/regions.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• A member asked if there was a website for the CoE. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Danyal shared that Ontario Health is currently re-doing their website, and when it is launched, they are hoping to build out easier access to the CoEs online resources.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• A member asked about future funding for treatment for those with treatment resistant depression. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Danyal shared that they are working with the ministry to secure public funding for that service. Hoping for that funding letter within this fiscal year. They are doing work to identify organizations that will take the lead in Phase 1, as well as intake criteria.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• A member asked if there is an opportunity to link data sets such as primary care data to Ministry of the Solicitor general healthcare data on those in custody? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ So far, the linkages they can do are with data sets within Ontario Health.</li> <li>○ The linkages can be more difficult when not within Ontario Health, as there are data acquisition processes and potential privacy issues. However, Kiran stated that it is not impossible and could be explored in the future.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Discussion re: the Impacts of Consumption and Treatment Services</b></p>	<p>Erin Paquette led the discussion on the impacts of CTS site closures and the development of the HART Hubs.</p>



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<p><b>(CTS) Site Closures &amp; the Development of Homelessness, Addictions Recovery Treatment (HART) Hubs</b></p>	<p>Background</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In July 2023, a shooting near a Consumption and Treatment Service (CTS) in Toronto led to the death of a local woman.</li> <li>• In response, the Ontario Ministry of Health appointed an interim supervisor and launched a review of the CTS operations, with recommendations aimed at improving harm reduction services.</li> <li>• In August 2024, the province announced a ban on CTS sites within 200 meters of schools, leading to the closure of 10 sites across Ontario by March 2025. Additionally, the government is moving forward with legislation that would prohibit new supervised consumption sites, restrict municipalities from participating in federal harm reduction programs, and block efforts to decriminalize personal possession of drugs.</li> <li>• The Ontario Ministry of Health has announced \$378 million in funding for 19 new Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) hubs, which will provide treatment and recovery services, but will not include harm reduction services like supervised consumption or needle exchange.</li> <li>• Ten new hubs will be created, including two focused on Indigenous populations, with a budget of \$6.3 million each.</li> <li>• Former Consumption and Treatment Services (CTS) sites that are closing can apply for HART hub funding through an expedited process.</li> <li>• The hubs must be operational by winter 2025, with applications due by October 2024. HART hubs are expected to address the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness, substance use, and mental health issues, integrating supportive housing, employment, and social services.</li> </ul> <p>Discussion Questions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What impacts will these Consumption and Treatment Services site closures have on:       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. HSJCC priority populations (e.g. those involved in the justice system or those at risk of becoming involved in the justice system)?</li> <li>b. Your organization's ability to support these individuals? On your community and/or region?</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. What can the Provincial HSJCC and/or the broader Network do to ensure that our priority populations are getting the services and supports that they require?</li> </ol> <p>Member Feedback</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In Hamilton, it seems this is enmeshed with fairly significant political pieces. Where the money lands and where the support ends up of going appears bigger than the organizations themselves.</li> <li>• A member requested the P-HSJCC keep them in the loop if organizations who are not connected to HSJCC tables received the funding. Organizations who are apart of their HSJCC table might be less up to date on what's happening and how they can support, if the organization who receives the funding is not at the table. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Joe Kim, CMHA Ontario shared that half the CMHA branches are going to be applying as the lead agency or heavily involved in the applications. If the branches receive funding, we are able to brief branches and maintain that connection to the HSJCC.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The process appears unclear. The application states that municipal service managers need to endorse the application, and that they also need an HSP that has a funding agreement with the ministry. Municipalities also feel things are unclear and that the timelines are tight.</li> <li>• A member asked about the proposal deadline: Sept 20 (intent to apply), final applications (Oct 18<sup>th</sup>). They suggested bringing these discussion questions back to committee and asked to revisit the questions again at the next meeting.</li> <li>• A member suggested examining legislation on what can or can't be done by service providers/community workers. If you can't supply safe consumption sites, but can you make available test kits? The HSJCC could look at things from a legal point of view to understand what we are able to do.</li> <li>• A member suggested in addition to harm reduction, we need investment into treatment options.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Preliminary Discussion re: P-HSJCC 2025 Pre-budget Submission</b></p>	<p>As we did not have time for this discussion, materials will be distributed to all stakeholders and this discussion will be brought forward at the next P-HSJCC Executive meeting and P-HSJCC November meeting.</p>
<p><b>Summary of Action Items/Completion of Meeting Survey</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Secretariat to flag committees requiring member engagement support. Andy will reach out to those committees.</li> <li>• The Secretariat to share the Centre of Excellence presentation slide deck.</li> <li>• The Secretariat to share the priority setting exercise slide deck and priority setting package.</li> <li>• Secretariat to share chat links from the meeting.</li> <li>• Secretariat to share more details on pre-budget discussion via email and discuss with Executive Committee on Oct 15th, 2024.</li> <li>• Provincial committee to revisit HART hubs discussion at November meeting (e.g., who applied, who they partnered with). Regional chairs to take this discussion back to committee meetings before the next meeting.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secretariat to share slide deck on HART hubs.</li> <li>• Secretariat to share highlights package.</li> <li>• Any members who are aware of adult pre-charge diversion programs in their region to contact Chantal Dupuis, OPP</li> <li>• Secretariat to examine legislation regarding activities and services offered at HART hubs (e.g., offering drug testing kits).</li> <li>• Secretariat to share pre-budget submission slide deck</li> </ul>
<p><b>Meeting adjournment</b></p>	<p><b>The Provincial HSJCC meeting of September 17<sup>th</sup>, adjourned at approximately 4:00pm</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The next P-HSJCC meeting will be held virtually from <b>1:30pm – 4:00pm, on Tuesday November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024</b>, via Zoom.</li> </ul>

