



Provincial
Human
Services &
Justice
Coordinating
Committee

2014/2015
HSJCC Annual Report
Highlights
(April 1, 2014 – March 31, 2015)

Provincial HSJCC Meeting
Tuesday, June 23, 2015



Presenters

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Purpose of Presentation



- Provide an overview of what will be included in the 2014/2015 HSJCC Annual Report
- Look at activity trends of Regional and Local HSJCCs from the past year



Overview of Presentation



1. About the HSJCC Network
2. Annual Report Requirements
3. Provincial HSJCC Accomplishments & Priorities
4. Highlights from Local and Regional HSJCC survey results
5. Next steps for Annual Report

About HSJCC Network



- Established based on the *Provincial Strategy to Coordinate Human Services and Criminal Justice Systems in Ontario (1997)*
- Responding to a recognized need in the province to coordinate resources and services, and plan more effectively for people who are in conflict with the law
- Priority consideration is for people with a serious mental illness, developmental disability, acquired brain injury, drug and alcohol addiction, and/or fetal alcohol syndrome



About HSJCC Network

HSJCC Network is comprised of:

- 42 Local HSJCCs
- 14 Regional HSJCCs
- Provincial HSJCC



- Each HSJCC is a voluntary collaboration between health and social service organizations, community mental health and addictions organizations and partners from the justice sector including crown attorneys, judges, police services and correctional service providers

Provincial HSJCC

Membership:

- Regional HSJCC Chairs
- Ex-officio members from important stakeholder groups such as Correctional Service of Canada, Ontario Provincial Police and Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police, Legal Aid Ontario, and Community Networks of Specialized Care
- Ex-officio representatives from 5 Provincial Ministries:
 - Attorney General
 - Children and Youth Services
 - Community and Social Services
 - Community Safety and Correctional Services
 - Health and Long-Term Care

HSJCC Annual Report Requirements

1. Year's accomplishments of Provincial HSJCC
2. Exemplary regional/local accomplishments from all regional and local committees, sorted by region then by local committee(s) within region
3. Financial Reporting- detailed statement of PHSJCC expenditures in 2014/15
4. Plans for next fiscal year PHSJCC-2015/16 detailed budget, priorities and work plan, meeting schedule
5. Up-to-date list of Provincial, Regional and Local committees including all members, their affiliation/sector and email information sorted by regional and local committees or link to these on the website



Provincial HSJCC Accomplishments (2014/15)

- Specialized Courts and Court Support Programs Project completed (Phase I)
- Police ED-Protocol project presented at AMHO and CMHA National conference
- HSJCC Network represented on advisory committee of Enabling Change Court Project
- Completed 2015 Pre-Budget Submission on Housing
- Social Media Guidelines were created
- Communications and Knowledge Exchange Committee Terms of Reference was updated



Provincial HSJCC

Accomplishments (2014/15) (cont'd)

- Produced 5 e-newsletters
- Facilitated 4 HSJCC webinars:
 - Moving the Wheels of Justice: Communication about Mental Health within the Courthouse (May 12, 2014) – 112 participants
 - FASD and Justice Related Services (Nov. 26, 2014) – 117 participants
 - Court Outcomes Data Project (Feb. 26, 2015) – 108 participants
 - Pre-charge Diversion (March 26, 2015) – 152 participants



Provincial HSJCC Priorities (2015/16)

“Mental Health, the Justice System, and You” Booklet

Knowledge Exchange Framework, Website & Webinars

Specialized Courts and Court Support Programs Project –
Phase II

Priority Setting Exercise with Regional HSJCCs

Support Stakeholder Projects and Activities

5th Biennial Provincial HSJCC 2015 Conference

Prepare Annual Report 2015/16



Local and Regional HSJCC Survey

- The survey to submit Regional and Local HSJCC information for the 2014/2015 HSJCC Annual Report was open from May 7 – June 1, 2015.
- All Regional and Local HSJCCs responded to the survey and submitted updated membership lists.
- Survey questions asked about the committee member make-up for each HSJCC, priority populations, accomplishments for 2014/2015, and priorities for 2015/2016.



HSJCC Survey Results

- **HSJCC Sub-committees:**
 - 31 committees indicated that they had sub-committees of their HSJCC.

Examples of Regional/Local HSJCC Sub-Committees

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health court/problem solving committee • Committee to address inclusion of PWLE • Training and education committee • Complex care sub-committee • Committee to address homelessness • Release from custody committee • Hoarding coalition • ABI corrections working group • Allocations committee for review of proposals for HSJCC funds | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community treatment court committee • Dual Diagnosis committee • Geriatric sub-committee • Youth at risk sub-committee • Event/conference planning committees • Community-based research sub-committee • Domestic violence coordinating group • LEAD protocol group • Transportation committee • Consumer survivor committee • Hard to serve committee |
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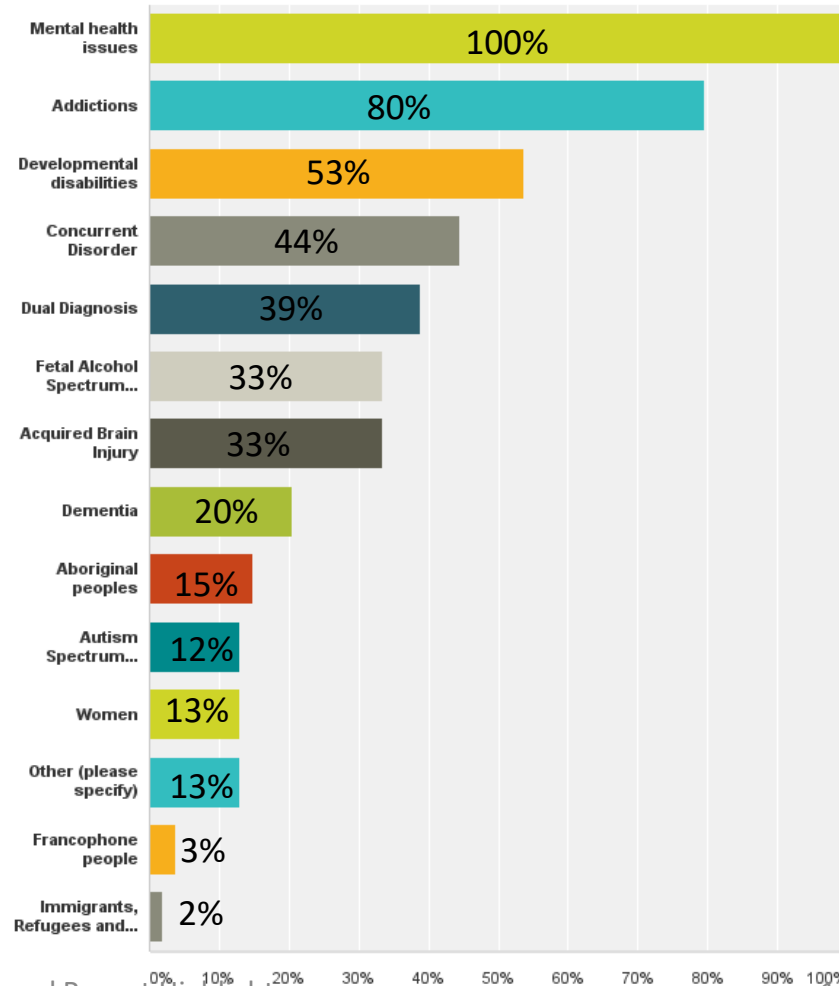
HSJCC Survey Results

Populations of focus for Regional and Local HSJCCs (2014/2015):

* "Other" populations included: Youth, Homeless, PTSD, Selfrepresented Litigant and High Risk Offenders with SMI

Q6 What are the key populations that your Local or Regional HSJCC has been focusing on in the past year? (Select all that apply)
People with:

Answered: 54 Skipped: 0



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HSJCC Survey Results

- **HSJCC Accomplishments/Activities:**
 - HSJCCs were asked to indicate their accomplishments based on activity area.
 - Activity areas included:
 - Human Services and Justice Education activities
 - Police-related activities
 - Court-related activities
 - Correction-related activities
 - Local problem-solving activities
 - Open-ended question asking for activities that did not fit in the previous 4 categories



HSJCC Survey Results

Human Services and Justice Education Activities

- **67%** of HSJCCs hosted Regional/ local conferences and/or workshops
- **53%** of HSJCCs development and/or distribution of educational & resource materials
- **68%** of HSJCCs played a role in delivering training sessions such as CIT training, FASD training, LEAD training, Police training, ASSIST training and Mental Health First Aid

Examples of other Regional/Local HSJCC Human Services and Justice Education Activities

- Delivered presentations to community stakeholders on various topics such as Legal Aid Services, Witness Support and Preparation Service presentation, Youth mental health, court diversion, drug prevention, Health Links, Specialized Outreach Services , Youth in Transition Program, Justice System for Older Adults, Legal Aid Mental Health Strategy, and a Community Services Fair

HSJCC Survey Results

Police-Related Activities

- **53%** of HSJCCs looked at protocol development between police, hospital, community
- **46%** of HSJCCs discussion community collaboration- e.g. Hub model, situation tables
- **39%** of HSJCCs discussed developing a mobile crisis team or rapid response team

Examples of other Regional/Local HSJCC Police-Related Activities

- Many HSJCCs indicated that they were involved in police record check related activities (19%) and case-specific planning or Service Resolution tables (29%)
- 27% of committees expressed involvement in LEAD training/agreements
- MOU was developed between HSJCC Police Service Members and Community Pharmacy
- Many noted that police are valuable and active members of their HSJCC
- Provided cultural competency training to police

HSJCC Survey Results

Court-Related Activities

- **59%** of HSJCCs helped develop a new mental health/drug treatment or other specialized/problem-solving court
- **50%** of HSJCCs worked with legal aid supports or legal aid clinics
- **44%** of HSJCCs are working with youth justice programs
- **31%** of HSJCCs worked with bail support programs
- **25%** of HSJCCs are contributing to restorative justice programs

Examples of other Regional/Local HSJCC Court-Related Activities

- Developing Mental Health Court and Mental Health Diversion criteria with the Crown's office
- NCR/Fitness assessments education was provided to local HSJCC and community partners on appropriate referrals to forensic assessments
- Organized a tour of the new consolidated court house for both regional and district committee

HSJCC Survey Results

Corrections-Related Activities

- **46%** of HSJCC are working on transportation after release issues (travel vouchers, bus tickets etc.)
- **35%** of HSJCCs are involved with release from custody kits/Red Property Bag/Red Envelope Program initiatives

Examples of other Regional/Local HSJCC Corrections-Related Activities

- Provided education for correctional officers
- One committee noted that they also provided food vouchers and basic clothing from local budget used for people being released from custody (also used to pay for birth certificates to get IDs). Another committee provides gift cards to individuals to help with initial costs and emergencies.
- Withdrawal management team attending in jail as a result of HSJCC connections

HSJCC Survey Results

Local Problem-Solving Activities

- **68%** of HSJCC are work on identifying local service gaps and solutions
- **33%** of HSJCCs are involved with research/evaluation projects (students, consultants) on various topic areas such as Mental Health Court evaluations , gaps/needs of a service resolution process, needs assessment to explore extent that existing services are coordinated, and research on court diversion programs
- **20%** of HSJCCs are involved with advocacy work such as sponsoring local events , raising funds for service dog donated to Autism Society, and advocating for safety and accessibility issues with local transit

Other Activities

- **83%** of HSJCCs increased membership this year
- **50%** of HSJCCs improved diversity of representation at Local and Regional tables including members from first nations communities, persons with lived experience and a range of service sectors such as youth and addictions, shelter sectors, pharmacies, ABI sector, Legal Aid Ontario and bail courts
- Participation on local Mental Health and Addictions Crisis Tables



HSJCC Survey Results

The top-three priorities of Regional/Local HSJCCs for 2015-2016:

1. Release from custody issues (57% of HSJCCs)
2. Justice and Human Services related concerns for complex populations (54% of HSJCCs)
3. Court services related issues (37% of HSJCCs)

Other priorities of Local/Regional HSJCCs:

- Community Services training needs in mental health and addictions (31% of HSJCCs)
- Emergency department issues (22% of HSJCCs)
- Issues for Geriatric Populations (17% of HSJCCs)
- Interactions of youth with the human services and justice sectors (31% of HSJCCs)
- Issues affecting Aboriginal Communities relating to human services and justice sectors (6% of HSJCCs)
- Prisoner belongings (4% of HSJCCs)



HSJCC Survey Results

Support from the Provincial HSJCC

- The Regional and Local HSJCCs were asked to identify where they could use support from the Provincial HSJCC.
- Many HSJCCs indicated that they would benefit from:
 - Welcome package templates for new members
 - Ideas on how to conduct projects, and
 - Advice on HSJCC activities and scope of work
- Other areas of potential support from the Provincial HSJCC included:
 - Membership recruitment and retention tips
 - Support for chairs/co-chairs when stepping into HSJCC leadership role
 - Assist in sharing resources between local and regional HSJCCs



HSJCC Survey Results

Involvement with the P-HSJCC

- The Regional and Local HSJCCs were also asked to identify areas where they would like to become involved with P-HSJCC work.
- Many HSJCCs indicated that they would like to be involved with:
 - Participating in Project Specific Working Groups (80%)
 - Presenting at a Provincial HSJCC webinar on specific topic (45%)
 - Participating in the Communications and CKE Committee(41%)
 - Writing up local promising practices for the HSJCC e-newsletter (20%)
- Other areas of interest included:
 - Attending and presenting at the P-HSJCC conference
 - Case Reviews from a Systems Perspective
 - Community-based research



Next steps for Annual Report

- Annual Report will be submitted to MOHLTC by June 30, 2015.
- Regional/Local HSJCC Co-Chairs and P-HSJCC membership will receive a copy of the Annual Report.

