

Provincial Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee Meeting

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Date: November 26, 2009 **Time:** 9:30am – 3:30pm **Location:** 393 University Ave,
18th Floor, Boardroom E,
Toronto, ON

Facilitator: Co-Chair: Vicky Heuhn

In Attendance:	Bill McNamara (MCSS Services & Support), Chris Higgins (MOH), Courtenay McGlashen (CMHA Peel), Rachel Mediratta (MOHLTC), Emaa Willer , George Kurzawa (CMHA Niagara), Garrett LaFosse (CMHA HRB), Jennifer Gravelle (Corrections Canada), Jim Leveque (MHCP), Joan Dervin (ROHCG), Jonathon King (CMHA York), Linda Munro (MCSS), Lisa Cameron (Crown Attorney's Office), Liz Froese , Marion Evans (CMHA GRB/Conestoga College), Maurice Fortin (CMHA Thunder Bay), Oana Gug (MOH), Peter Aharan (SICS), Sandie Leith (CMHA), Sheri Weisberg (MOHLTC), Steve Lurie (CMHA), Sue Khowessah , Vicky Huehn (FCMHS), Reshmi Majumder (MCSS), Michelle Gold (CMHA), Uppala Chandrasekera (CMHA)
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Regrets:	Brad Davey (Connex Ontario), Christine Devoy (CMHA Peel), Curt Flanagan (Ministry of Attorney General), Diane Sullivan (FCMHS),
Guest:	Darlene Kindiak (Consultant Central South Regional HSJCC)
Administrator:	Sherry Sim (sherry@innovative4you.com) 1-866-655-8548

Agenda Item	Description	Actions
	Welcome	Vicky Huehn (Co-Chair) opened the meeting at 9:30am. Welcome and Agenda Review
A	Approval of Agenda	Approved by Committee members
B	Approval of Meeting Notes	Spelling change for Liz Froese Approved, with change, by Committee members
C	Terms of Reference Amendments Election of Co-Chair Membership	Steve Lurie (CMHA) motioned to add the position of Co-Chair to be selected from Regional Chairs Jim Levesque (MHCP) seconded the motion All in favour – Motion carried Steve Lurie (CMHA) motioned to formally nominate Lisa Cameron Crown Attorney's Office to be the Co-Chair Peter Aharan (SICS) seconded the motion All in Favour – Motion carried

		<p>Congratulations to Lisa Cameron (new Co-Chair)</p> <p>Steve Lurie (CMHA) motioned to have the Provincial HSJCC Steering Committee Terms of Reference approved (Includes minimum 4 representatives from Regional HSJCCs, MOH representative and 2 representatives from other ministries)</p> <p>Peter Aharan (SICS) seconded the motion</p> <p>All in Favour – Motion carried</p>
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- Comments/Actions:
- Provincial Committee to link with Steering Committee to add items to agenda
 - Steering committee to have a place on Website
 - Terms – Something to look at to set maximum
 - Add to Provincial Terms of Reference to review term of co-chair and membership

D	Budget Projections	<p>Steve Lurie (CMHA)</p> <p>Budget provided to members. The budget does not include the conference. Need to discuss what to do with surplus.</p>
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Recommendations:

Michelle Gold (CMHA ONT) recommended website communication improvement and updates. Committee needs to use the site to communicate provincially

Chris Higgins (MOH) – need a proposed budget model with an intentional plan for staff funding, website funding. Steering committee to make a budget plan and submit to Prov. Committee in January.

E	<p>Knowledge Exchange</p> <p>Conference Report</p>	<p>Marion Evans (CMHA GRB/Conestoga College)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Verbal report given. Written report will be prepared for January meeting (final monies being collected, etc.) ▪ Final numbers TBD but will be a healthy budget for next conference in 2 years from a zero based budget. ▪ All files, planning documents, etc. will be provided to next committee ▪ Future topics – more emphasis on youth issues, consumers (need & respect for voice), dual diagnosis, concurrent disorders) ▪ Issues – it was crowded, more consumer speakers ▪ We have 24 names put forward for next committee ▪ Should have all presentations put on HSJCC website ▪ Budget suggestion - More monies available to subsidize transportation for participants from North ▪ Much broader cross section of agencies attending this year
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ACTION: Add powerpoint presentations from conference to website

F	Emerging / Urgent Issues and Updates	Regional HSJCC - Chairs MAG – Curt Flannagan MCSC – MCYS - Brian Smegal MOHLTC – Chris Higgins
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Steve Lurie Chair Toronto Region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Planning conference for next year in March ▪ 4 local committees – share one regional coordinator ▪ Issues with leaving jail and access to services
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Michelle Gold Uppala Chandrasekera CMHA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ontario Human Rights Commission is doing work on Discrimination of People with Mental Illness ▪ Uppala met with OHRC staff – She suggests either having a OHRC representative invited to a Provincial meeting or have the Provincial committee provide a response to the document when it comes out. ▪ Police Record Check – Human Rights Commission is involved on policy document when and how to use document. Planning education around the document – Coalition is working on it and Uppala and she will keep the Provincial committee updated. This issue might be a good topic/project for Local Committees.
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Suggestion: Steve Lurie (CMHA) would like to see both suggestions for OHRC to happen.
Action: Michelle Gold will try to organize the meetings and update Vicky Huehn and Lisa Cameron

Chris Higgins MOH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Forensic system under pressure in GTA / concern of MOH ▪ Outside programs doing well. Asking for more organized assistance for that population ▪ Provincial Committee Website was updated by Chris & Connex. Oana and Chris uploaded over 200 articles/reports to site including journal articles, medical reports, government reports. It is not searchable right now but it will be. ▪ The website management needs to be managed by the Provincial committee rather than MOH.
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Courtenay McGlashen Peel Region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Working on Risk Management Strategies ▪ Crisis Triage Tool was previously circulated to board
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Joan Dervin Champlain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The formalizing of the workplan is in process ▪ Release from Custody issues is their number one priority ▪ Focus on finding secure beds for youth assessments ▪ Training happening with general hospitals and mental health clinics
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<p>Sandie Leith North East</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Most of the 4 committees have finalized workplans and will post on website ▪ Algoma SSM Crown identified as Mental Health Lead ▪ Mental Health Court starting in February – 1 hour a week – Mostly Mental Health Diversion
<p>Peter Aharan South West</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SW Ontario Conference affected by a death in Sarnia with police involvement / Presenters that were involved were presenters at conference. ▪ London / Middlesex support the development of a Drug Court with HSJCC as the connection to help the development
<p>Marion Evans Waterloo-Wellington</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Carmen Able (new Chair) ▪ February 11th – Partnership with HSJCC and Correctional Services to have a One Day Forum – Release from Custody. Information Session and Literature review and a facilitated discussion in afternoon – 100 people invited
<p>Bill McNamara MCSS Reshmi Majumder MCSS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Conducted 4 round tables – Mental Health & Addictions Strategy – ▪ Dual Diagnosis Guidelines implemented in field – Doing follow-up to see how it is going.
<p>Maurice Fortin North West</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Working on 18-Month Workplan. 11 items identified ▪ Working on finalizing 3 to 4 Priorities that are attainable in next year ▪ Regional Forum pulls together stakeholders from district communities ▪ Need to strengthen advocacy role ▪ Last meeting included a presentation from Ontario Human Rights Comm.
<p>Issue Brought Forward: Article from John Howard Society Thunder Bay – Need to decide how we should respond to comments about HSJCC. Action: Article to be sent to Sherry from Maurice for distribution with minutes</p>	
<p>Jim Leveque Simcoe/Muskoka</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Workplan is being worked on. ▪ Planning underway for May Conference ▪ Court & Custody programs are going well ▪ 10 representatives from Simcoe/Muskoka attended Prov. HSJCC Conf. ▪ 4 of 5 planned daylong educational series in local areas are completed

Jonathan King York-South Simcoe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Youth Court starting up – tentatively Jan/February with a half day per month. ▪ Workplan completion planned for January ▪ York Region gave \$15,000 to buy 200 backpacks for clients leaving system ▪ New Co-Chair starting in January
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George Kurzawa Central South	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HSJCC relationship with Detention Centre has flourished. We are holding successful workshops. We were honoured at a dinner. ▪ Darlene Kindiak helping as a consultant to provide support to move ahead
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Lisa Cameron Haliburton/ Kawartha/ Pine Ridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Struggling with Bail Support Issues ▪ Looking at partnering with John Howard Society to pool resources and provide an inclusive service for mental health and non mental health
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Vicky Huehn South East	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We have a variety of local committees – looking for leadership ▪ Regional group is planning a conference next year ▪ Dual Diagnosis – huge issue – to have support and resources
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UPDATES: Vicky Huehn and Lisa Cameron will take turns as chairs of the meetings. Please send all issues/updates/questions, etc. to both for now.

G	WORKPLAN DEVELOPMENT	Michelle Goldman and Uppala Chandrasekera CMHA
		<p>Michelle presented her recommendations and suggestions for the Provincial HSJCC Committee based on findings from Needs Assessment Results.</p> <p>The role of CMHA Ontario was discussed and her recommendations for the Provincial meetings were brought forward and presented in a document (attached to the minutes)</p> <p><u>Priority Projects - possible Methods of Completion:</u></p> <p>Have CMHA involved in project Have a volunteer workgroup Choose a project/need and do a one day working meeting to complete Find someone else to do it</p>

G	WORKPLAN DEVELOPMENT	Michele Goldman and Uppala Chandrasekera CMHA
	Criteria Weighing Exercise for Priority Setting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Exercise completed by the Provincial Committee. ▪ Michele and Uppala calculated findings and reported to group. <p><u>PRIORITIES (Ranking by Committee):</u></p> <p>#1 Priority (152) - Clients with Complex Needs (includes Dual Diagnosis, Concurrent Disorders, Forensic, Youth, "High Risk", Federal Justice Clients</p> <p>#1 Priority (152) – Police / MH Collaboration</p> <p># 2 Priority (139) – Housing</p> <p># 3 Priority (136) – Release from Custody</p> <p># 4 Priority – (135) – Courts</p>

<p>IDEAS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Have Ministry of Housing to strategize with committee ▪ Extend email invite to join committee to Chiefs / ensure Provincial and Collective Municipalities are included – OACP – provide rep ▪ Look at other ministries for funding / investigate and write letters
<p>ACTION:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting of Steering Committee with Uppala Chandrasekera and Michele Gold to strategize and formulate a work plan with priorities chosen by committee on December 22nd at 11:00am 2. Identify a summary of issues for each priority 3. Uppala and Michele will discuss which projects are best suited to them as a policy project and provide options to committee. 4. Have committee vote by email to prevent delay starting on the projects. 5. Review terms of reference – categories of membership – consider adding another category (e.g. OPP, Educational) 6. Letter to members asking if they are remaining a member and/or want to become a member 7. HSJCC to prepare letter to Chris Higgins at MOH re variation in funding / allocation of funds issues.
<p>BRING FORWARD:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reporting from Maurice after follow-up with John Howard Society article and Provincial Committee group to decide on appropriate response to article and findings.