



Provincial Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee Updates

Updates from Regional Committees, Ministry Reps and Other Committee Members

Meeting Date: May 13, 2013

Regional HSJCC Updates:

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<p>Central South Regional HSJCC Terry McGurk Dennis DeSalvo</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional HSJCC: Beth Ann Currie continues her research regarding Program Evaluation of Court Support Program in LHIN 4. Updates given from Local HSJCC to Regional committee. Dr. Gary Chaimowitz will be attending the next Regional meeting to discuss a common risk tools that can be utilized for services across the LHIN when assessing clients who have a history of risk to others. Hamilton: Risk and Recovery Conference went well, great speakers with overall theme of PTSD. Members have been encouraged to attend the Provincial HSJCC Conference. Members from the Hamilton committee attended the National Victim of Crime workshop on April 27/13. CTO's are proving to be effective in reducing crisis and keeping clients out of hospital/criminal justice system. Niagara: George Kurzawa has stepped down as the chair of Niagara Local HSJCC. Bob Barkman, Manager CMHA Niagara and Andrea Green, Deputy Superintendent of Niagara Detention Centre were elected as Co-chairs of the committee. Program Descriptions (Coast Niagara, Urgent Care Opioid, Urgent Care and Co Location Search) were presented to the committee. Brantford: FASD working group has met 3 times, developed TOR and has various working sub committees working on this issue. A transition committee met with Maplehurst re planning of the closure of Brantford Jail. No date set 	

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	<p>as yet for closure. A draft working plan is being developed for the HSJCC for 2012-13.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haldimand Norfolk: No report. 	
<p>Champlain Regional HSJCC Joan Dervin</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Mental Health Court welcomed a new Crown – Dave Roberts was assigned in January. He has been busy working with the partners on improving communication and application process to Mental Health Court • Educational Symposium- Building a Mental Health and Justice Community in Ottawa and Champlain- learnings from the rural experience and can these be translated from small to complex systems • Ryan Fritsch from LAO presented LAO's mental health strategy and consulted with the committee regarding local/regional issues. • Special meeting held to discuss and identify challenges in Youth Mental Health and Justice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Themes identified: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Access including specific First Nation and Francophone issues ▪ Housing ▪ Case Management ▪ System Navigation ▪ Information Sharing, Protocols and Partnerships ○ Plan to provide this feedback to the Youth Justice Service Collaborative table. • Full report related to the Impact of Mental Illness and/or Addictions on Quality of Life forums presented to the committee- priorities and champions identified. 	
<p>Durham Regional HSJCC Rob Adams Phil Lillie</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual DHSJCC conference was held on March 7th at Tosca Banquet Hall & Conference Centre in Oshawa. The conference was a great success with over 180 participants from all discipline of Durham Region community agencies and other local community agencies. The topic CYBERSPACE IMPACT: 	

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	<p>Moderated by: Dr. Bruce Ballon- Problem Gambling Institute of Ontario at the Centre for Addiction & Mental Health (CAMH).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback from evaluation forms- very positive, with high interest in 2014 conference. • MCIT, provincial conference, still attempting to get Justice Defritas to attend to speak about court issues. • New brochure – Health Justice Services • Case management for seniors that come in contact with justice system 	
<p>Haliburton/ Kawartha Lakes/ Pine Ridge Regional HSJCC Martina Piccinin Dave Jarvis</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7th annual regional conference was a huge success. 75 individuals from all four locals and other local community agencies attended the event which was held at the Lindsay Golf and Country Club. The theme was “Making Connections: Crime, Mental Health and Addictions”. Dr. Lisa Ramshaw from CAMH was the key note speaker, followed by Dr. Glenn Robitaille from Waypoint, a presentation on Police records checks, privacy and human rights which was facilitated by a representative from the JHS Research Department and a from the Canadian Civil Liberties Association. To conclude the event there was a panel presentation that consisted of presenters who focused on “Opiates, Methadone and Substance. • The research project about “Social Justice: analyzing the effects of Criminal Diversion programs on young adults” has come to an end. More details on the outcome and findings to follow as this will be presented at the regional meeting in Peterborough on May 9 	
<p>Halton Regional HSJCC Rhonda Frank Marie Hoy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful conference held in April/13 with 119 in attendance. Conference included a successful parent evening on the first day • The FASD Leadership committee will become a steering group and we are establishing 5 FASD Working Groups • FASD Needs Assessment has been developed and is ready for distribution • The development of the FASD education module is underway and Halton Police Services will be the first group targeted. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halton Community Treatment Court has been operation for one year and recently graduated two candidates • Halton Drug Treatment Court plans are well underway • Halton Common Crisis Plan project was launched in April 	
North East Regional HSJCC Trevor Tymchuk Sarah Gauthier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The North East Regional HSJCC worked in partnership with CAMH, NBRHC and CMHA-SM to host a Forensic Meeting of the Minds webinar/ OTN education session on the Bill-54 'The NCR Reform Act'. The session featured four speakers that reviewed the legal changes and clinical implications. The session was recorded and will be posted on the OTN site by mid-May. • The mental health court programs in the North East Region have commenced phase 1 of a regional outcomes project. A web based portal hosted by Stratim consulting services has been developed and the 'go live' date to start collecting data was April 1/13. The current outcomes that are being collected include: mental health diversion and alternate diversion success rate, and fitness screenings / admission aversion rates. Phase two for this project will include an analysis of the data collected (identify local and regional trends) and define further outcomes. 	
North West Regional HSJCC Liisa Leskowski	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	
Peel Regional HSJCC Courtenay McGlashen (Verbal Report)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One area of work that the HSJCC is engaged in is Service Resolutions • Valerie Johnson is presenting in Peel 	
Simcoe-Muskoka Regional HSJCC Michael Dunn Geoff Reekie Judy Alton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership program for incarcerated individuals – working with local detention centre to provide counseling services (same counselors in prison and in community) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Successes have been seen in the program provided by collaborative efforts 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trying to find solutions for individuals once they have been released from jail – challenges in supporting them once they are out ● Due to a Bargaining Unit Integrity Grievance settlement between the OPSEU union representing correctional staff and the province, the role of CMHA and Enaahtig Release from Custody staff has been limited significantly: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The settlement states: “The CMHA and Enaahtig representative(s) shall not provide any one-one-one services to offenders, except in relation to community based services to be provided by CMHA and Enaahtig upon discharge, The CMHA and Enaahtig representative(s) shall not provide services to offenders who are not suffering from mental health issues.” ○ The result is Release from Custody staff can no longer discuss release plans with inmates, make community referrals and appointments on their behalf etc. They are limited to providing information on their specific service only. Central North Correctional Centre has not been able to hire more staff to address these issues adequately, but rather have one staff person adding mental health discharge planning to her already large portfolio. As a result referrals and information provided to the client are not as comprehensive, there is a disconnect between in and out of custody service and clients are less apt to follow up with Release from Custody when in the community as they have often not established a meaningful rapport with the Counsellor due to the limited service they can provide in-custody. ○ An example to illustrate the impact is as follows: If the Enaahtig Release from Custody Counsellor meets with an inmate, who they have previously worked with, and determines that they would benefit from an Aboriginal specific service in the community, the worker cannot make the referral, but rather suggest this to the CNCC staff person (non-Aboriginal) who may then make the referral if time and resources permit and communicate this back to the Counsellor to follow-up post-release. Again this leads to a disconnect when the client is released and a convoluted process. Similarly CMHA staff cannot make referrals to other CMHA locations or programs which is a challenge ● The HSJCC is supporting CIT training in the region. 	

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South East Regional HSJCC Vicky Huehn Rob McDonnell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	
South West Regional HSJCC Heather Callender	<p>Windsor/Essex Local:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing to launch the Release from Custody program in W-E. CMHA-WECB will blend our current Court Support program with the jail-based Release from Custody program. We expect that this will improve services and streamline communication between the jail and the court. <p>Lambton/Kent Local:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 day OPP training in April. The response was awesome • In June our local HSJCC will be hosting an afternoon with Dr. Robinson (Psychiatrist) he will do a 3 hr presentation on personality disorders. This will be open to members of the local HSJCC and staff that they want to invite. • We recently added CCAC as a new member to our committee. • HSJCC justice/mental health information booklet is being edited and updated prior to printing <p>London Local:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active role in the Youth/MH service collaborative with mental health agencies hospital, police and justice agencies • Formal review of our Adult Therapeutic Court is being completed by a consultant to the LHIN • Our family council member has rejoined our local table along with RSA representation and hospital representation • Continued review of the ED usage and police involvement with MH clients <p>Huron Perth Local:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ongoing meetings of addiction and mental health providers with police forces • development of a protocol for patients missing from Mental Health Units – Stratford General Hospital and Alexandra Marine and General Hospital (Goderich) • plans for OPP officer training fall of 2013 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • changes in progress for enhanced crisis response under new name: Huron Perth Helpline and Crisis Response Team • work with Stratford Police on pre-charge diversion protocol <p>Grey Bruce Local:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two new members join our HSJCC. Inspector Scott Smith is the new detachment commander of South Bruce O.P.P. and Scott Mackie from Pine Hill Youth Detention Centre. • We have seen an increase in Cocaine use in last few months. Due mostly to cost. • CMHA is now running a mobile crisis team 7 days per week 	
<p>Toronto Regional HSJCC Steve Lurie</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CAMH Justice Collaborative has chosen Toronto and the adult population as the focus of a Justice Collaborative. The Toronto HSJCC locals have met with the CAMH Justice Collaborative staff and provided valuable information about their gaps and needs. A Justice Collaborative town hall meeting that included various stakeholders took place on April 10, 2013. Prior to finalizing which project will be supported by the Justice Collaborative, more stakeholder meetings will take place. The Justice Collaborative is looking at a June 2013 time frame to finalize project selection. • The Toronto locals have been meeting with Brad Gill Tamscu, Senior Programs Advisor, MCSCS Toronto South Detention Centre (TSDC) - Transitional Unit. The meetings have been useful for sharing information about the new TSDC. The Toronto South Detention Centre will open during 2013. The Don Jail and West Detention will be moved to the Toronto South Detention Centre (TSDC). TSDC will accommodate 1650 inmates, one of the largest facilities in the country. The majority of inmates will be on remand, awaiting court decisions. The remainder will be serving provincial sentences up to two years less a day. Most of the inmates will be from the Greater Toronto Area. It is estimated that there will be approximately 210 new admissions and approximately 180 releases weekly. The average age of inmates in institutions is 34 with 21% under the age of 21. • The Downtown HSJCC had a successful Lunch and Learn on Concurrent Disorders: Recovery Approaches to Complex Problem, presented by Wayne 	

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	<p>Skinner and Robin Cuff. Participants from justice, hospitals and the community attended the Lunch N' learn. Participants identified the educational and learning benefits of the Lunch N' learn.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The T-HSJCC locals' current minutes and work plans for 2013-2014 have been uploaded to the HSJCC website. • The HSJCC Complex Committee and the Toronto ABI Network are holding a one day Forum on May 29, 2013, entitled "Bridging the Gap: A closer look at addictions, mental health, brain injury and the justice system". The target audience is front-line staff, case managers and others working directly with clients. Speakers will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Stephen Hwang, MD, Research Scientist at the Centre for Research on Inner City Health, Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute, St. Michael's Hospital, and the Chair in Homelessness, Housing and Health at St. Michael's Hospital and the University of Toronto • Dr. Carolyn Lemsky, PhD, CPsych, Neuropsychologist, Clinical Director, Community Head Injury Resource Services (CHIRS) • Charissa Levy, Executive Director, Toronto ABI Network • Dr. Sylvain Roy, PhD, CPsych, Neuropsychologist, Inner City Family Health Team • Jane Topolovec-Vranic, PhD, Clinical Researcher, Trauma and Neurosurgery Program, Scientist, Keenan Research Centre of the Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute, St. Michael's Hospital 	
<p>Waterloo-Wellington Regional HSJCC Sharon Deally-Grzybowski</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Health Court Update: it is anticipated that the new Waterloo Region Court in Kitchener may experience an increase in numbers, especially in the MH and Justice Program and Mental Health Court, as the Cambridge Court is closing and will be combined with the Kitchener Court House. • Drug Treatment Court Update: This court has now increased the available number of participants to 10, up 2 from 8. On April 24, 2013, DTC celebrated its' 7th Graduation since the inception of the DTC two years ago. This participant graduated after being in the program for almost one 	

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	<p>year and maintaining his sobriety in the community for 45 consecutive weeks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DTC in Guelph-Wellington is slow to get going. They have one participant who has since relapsed. They are doing ongoing presentations and dialoguing with the Justice professionals, especially the Defence Lawyers, to increase the participants in DTC. 	
<p>York/South Simcoe Regional HSJCC Renée Rerup Jonathan King</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	

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