



Provincial Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee Updates

Updates form Regional Committees, Ministry Reps and Other Committee Members

Meeting Date: January 14th, 2014

Regional HSJCC Updates:

HSJCC	Information Shared	Action & Person Responsible
<p>Central South Regional HSJCC Dennis De Salvo</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional HSJCC: Obtaining Psychiatric Follow-up is a concern across the Region, Psychiatrist are not available for complex clients who come into contact with the Law, clients go on long waitlists, Precipitating factor to reoffend. Each Local HSJCC is identifying a service provider to work with Dr. Chaimowitz on the AIS HARM Risk tool. Plan is to have regional goals to utilizing the tool. The Court Support Evaluation Report and the Dual Diagnosis Justice Case Manager Review are now complete and is being forwarded to the Provincial HSJCC. The Regional Committee would like these posted on HSJCC Website under our Region. • Haldimand/Norfolk HSHCC: Sponsored MH Law 201 for the Region, over 250 people attended. Continue holding Legal Clinics with lawyer for consult on MH – Legal concerns. • Niagara HSJCC: Working towards having a conference on FASD, date TBD. Daytime for service providers and daytime for families and Public, Continue to be involved in Youth Justice Collaborative initiative. Beginning in Feb. lunch and learn sessions on MH will take place Niagara Detention Center. Will begin case conference process at Local HSJCC this year. • Brantford HSJCC: Looking to develop FASD consultation process for Youth and Adults re: diagnosis or suspected diagnosis, want to have more service providers trained. Two agencies have taken the lead on this. Closure of Brantford Jail is a huge issue in terms of changes, procedures etc. Inmates going to Maplehurst. Often Brantford Jail receive overflow from T.O. not sure the impact, will build this into next Work Plan. Housing Concerns, all funded programs over capacity. Want to ensure inmates with special needs have a therapeutic environment while in custody. • Hamilton HSJCC: ABI Working Group moving long with plan to use HELP tool to identify ABI clients. ABI working Group will case conference complex ABI clients who come into conflict with the law. New COAST rapid response team has seen 81 clients from Nov. 	

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	<p>25/13 to Dec.31/13, 20 diverted from hospital. Psychiatric Follow-up in Hamilton is being reviewed. New Hospital on West 5th site will open in February 2014 with Forensic Beds. Crisis Plan Launch in Hamilton with Southern Network of Specialized Care. All plans will be housed at Coast Hamilton and this is 24/7 service who will converse with Hamilton Police Service on the off hours when necessary re: Crisis Plans.</p>	
<p>Champlain Regional HSJCC Joan Dervin</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing to modify work plan. • Release from custody issues continue. Red Bag program at OCDC cancelled, attempting to restart program. • Release at courthouse presenting ongoing challenges as funding for EFry's volunteer coordinator is finished 	
<p>Durham Regional HSJCC Phil Lillie</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The region's Justice of the Peace attended one of the Durham regional HSJCC meetings. The committee gave presentation on the abilities and work of the HSJCC and it was reported to have gone well, and the committee expects to continue to have a good working relationship with this individual. 	
<p>Halton Regional HSJCC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halton Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FASD) Leadership Group received grant approval from Trillium for \$143,300 over 36 months to support the work of committed parents, caregivers and service providers to increase awareness and reduce the stigma associated with FASD by hiring a part time project coordinator and providing program supports to create integrated education, assessment and prevention FASD strategies. • Halton Community Treatment Court (CTC) is occurring every other Friday and the population is ever growing resulting in it now running into the afternoon. Anecdotal analysis found that 80% of participants exceed both their own and the Crown's expectations; 10% pass but do not gain from the program; 10% fall out of the program. Feedback from participants is that the program is "life changing", "the approach of the court has changed their life". Approximately 10-15% of participants have been youth. The program has seen its first FASD client. Clients going through CTC have found having access to the Crown and being able to have conversation and/or ask questions directly has played a huge role in their success and greatly improved the process. • Halton Drug Treatment Court (DTC) has been running since April 1, 2013 with the first participant being in August of 2013. • CMHA HRB has a new Manager of Mental Health and Addiction, Diane Versace who started January 12, 2014. Kimberly Cato, Team Lead of Case Management Services, is the new Chair of Halton Regional HSJCC. Rhoda Frank is stepping down as Co-Chair and the invitation for another agency to step into this role has been extended. 	
<p>North East Regional HSJCC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Regional Meeting scheduled for Jan.16th to work on new work plan. • Election of new co-chair will take place at next meeting. 	

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Sandie Leith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still working on launching the electronic DD Guidelines booklet hopefully this month. • Regional partners also working on a webinar around the topic of the Dual Diagnosis population and the justice system – Target date is February or early March. • Regional Justice Outcomes Project is beginning phase two of data analysis and creation of further measures. 	
North West Regional HSJCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee was able to subsidize 9 people to attend the provincial conference. • Mental Health court working group looking at advancing this as an agenda item with the construction of a new amalgamated court house • Committee is working on updating the Terms of Reference • Justice Collaboratives in Kenora held a town hall meeting attended by 35 community members. • A presentation of the Bail Verification and Supervision program provincial research study findings were presented to the HSJCC 	
Simcoe-Muskoka Regional HSJCC Michael Dunn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The region has reviewed \$7,500 to expand and enhance the Crisis Intervention Training which will equate to two OPP training sessions that will be offered in February 2014. • The HSJCC is looking for stabilized funding options for the court psychiatric services. • The committee will be developing a “navigating the justice system” booklet for individuals released from custody within their region. 	
South East Regional HSJCC Kim Burson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our area continues to look at the benefits of the HARM Community version assessment tool with our region • We have completed several mental health and police training sessions in the South East in the last several months. Lanark and Lennox and Addington County held LEAD team training while Leeds and Grenville County sponsored CIT training. • Our area is looking at hosting a regional conference next fall. Details will be provided to the group in subsequent months. 	
Toronto Regional HSJCC Steve Lurie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The HSJCC locals are working on the 2014-2015 Work Plan, as well as moving the Lunch and Learns to webinars. The webinars will be recorded and posted on the HSJCC website so people can access them at anytime during the day or night. Evaluation tools will be developed for the webinars. • The T-HSJCC will have a webinar on March 28, 2014 with Deputy Chief Mike Federico talking about the Police Service Mental Health Board. • The S-HSJCC is developing a collaborative pilot project to address seamless and timely continuity of care for the homeless population. Key collaborators, including police, community pharmacist, social worker from Toronto East Detention Centre, CMHA, and OW/ODSP had an initial meeting. ID clinics and the hostel services in Scarborough are supportive and joining the project. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S-HSJCC has a subgroup exploring how to include people with lived experience on the committee. • DT-HSJCC had a tour of the Toronto South Detention Centre (TSDC), an adult male detention centre with 1650 beds, including 26 beds for people with acute mental health needs. It will open at the end of January 2014. CAMH will deliver a Forensic Early Intervention Service (FEIS) at the TSDC. Inmates will be screened for mental health issues when they are admitted to custody and those who screen positive for serious mental health will be referred to FEIS. The Toronto West Detention will close in April 2014. • NY-HSJCC had a very successful lunch and learn in November. The topic was Concurrent Disorders: Recovery Approaches to Complex Problems, presented by Wayne Skinner MSW, RSW, Deputy Director of the Addictions Program at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH), and Robin Cuff, manager of Drug Treatment Court Services at CAMH. • WT-HSJCC The west court has new disclosure initiative; we are waiting to see how it will affect clients. 	
Waterloo-Wellington Regional HSJCC Sharon Deally-Grzybowski	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The OPP Training Learn and Lunch 2 days workshops, sponsored by the Guelph HSJCC in December 2013 were a success. Presentations were on Drug Treatment Court, MH Court and Diversions, Mobile Crisis and Homewood’s Emergency MH Unit. It was a good opportunity for the OPP Officers to meet the MH and Justice Services personnel and to interface with colleagues who were noting similar issues. A similar Learn and Lunch training is currently being planned for presentation to the Guelph Police Services in the spring. • Sponsored by the WWHSJCC, Conestoga College students are working diligently on gathering information necessary to produce a report incorporating literature review, descriptive analysis, and process description of MH Courts with a focus on the Waterloo MH Court and the Guelph Court process of dealing with issues relating to MH. • The Cambridge and Kitchener HSJCCs are initiating plans to do a half day free workshop on the topic of MH and the Elderly – contact with the justice system, to be presented sometime in February. • At the January 29th webinar, Joslyn Gaston, Chair of the Kitchener HSJCC, will be presenting on the issue of “Prisoners’ Belongings” as it pertains to the Kitchener-Waterloo Region. 	

Ministry Updates:

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Ministry of Community Safety and Corrections Sue Khowessah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Mental Health Screening Tool Pilot training is scheduled for Jan. & Feb. 2014 for the remaining two sites (Central East CC & Vanier Centre for Women). These are the last two of the five pilot sites to receive the training and an evaluation will occur at the end of the pilot. 	
Ministry of Health and Long Term Care Carol Lang Sheri Weisberg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional funding for the forensic system has been approved. Hospitals are working on the implementation plans for programs intended to divert admissions or enhance community supports. 	
Ministry of the Attorney General Dena Bonnet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MAG has been working on increasing the utilization of video conferencing capabilities between the justice and hospital sectors. 	

Updates from Other Committee Members:

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Canadian Mental Health Association Ontario Uppala Chandrasekera and Dorina Simeonov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CMHA Ontario will be discussing future partnership opportunities with EENet. An application to LAO will be submitted from CMHA Ontario in addition to a CMHA Ontario specific response to the LAO's mental health strategy. Dorina and Uppala are working with CAMH to develop a concept paper regarding the social determinants of health and their relationship to criminogenic factors. Uppala has confirmed that she will be a Co-Chair of the justice and mental health experts table to advise the work of the justice collaboratives at CAMH. 	