



## Provincial Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee Updates

Updates form Regional Committees, Ministry Reps and Other Committee Members

Meeting Date: March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014

### Regional HSJCC Updates:

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<p>Hamilton/Niagara/Brant/Haldimand/Norfolk</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Regional Committee:</b> Trevor Tymchuk has joined our Regional Committee, welcome Trevor. Our Regional Committee sponsored a number of police officers in our Region to attend and Dr. Lori Triano-Antidormi to speak at the Ontario CIT Conference held Feb. 28/14 at OPP Headquarters in Orillia. The Regional Committee will also be sponsoring HSJCC members across the Region to attend the Risk and Recovery Conference being held in Hamilton April 24th and 25th. The plan for AIS/HARM tool is to identify 1 person from each of the CMHA Programs across the Region to be trained and to take the lead in utilizing the tool as a Pilot Project. Dr. Chaimowitz and Dr. Mimic are to develop a plan to execute the process. Haldimand/Norfolk and Brant CMHA are working towards amalgamating to one Board. All locals have identified a Regional Issue individuals leaving jail without meds or proper psychiatric follow-up, difficult issue to resolve. Presentation held by Bartimaeus, fee for service agency that has provided excellent support to complex individuals in our community. Considering potential for service with transitioning complex client form jail etc.</li> <li>• <b>Hamilton Committee:</b> ABI Working Group Pilot Project- The “HELPS” ABI Screening Tool is being used on the 3A unit at the Hamilton Detention Centre. This Unit is the Special Needs Unit in the Detention Centre and already has identified 2 possible ABI clients that would not ordinarily have been identified. The ABI Network is reviewing the idea of developing a ABI Resource Guide (electronic version). More focused on Mental Health and Local Resource within Hamilton. The John Howard Society presenting YARD Hamilton. Yard is a replication of a “Promising Practice”, a gang reduction intervention using best practice approach that cuts across traditional agency boundaries through an Integrated approach form a team of community agencies and organizations. Some of these youth may have mental health issues. The new Mobile Crisis Rapid Response Team (MCRRT) at COAST is having positive results in diverting from hospital, reducing police wait times, and is a more effective approach for individuals who for whatever reason are unable or unwilling to seek help. GP will be joining the Local Committee to address medical concerns of clients being presented.</li> <li>• <b>Niagara Committee:</b> Niagara has developed a DBT program and integrated access to a central number through COAST Niagara. Bob Barkman has stepped down as Co-Chair, CMHA will be considering a replacement.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Haldimand/Norfolk Committee:</b> Bail program does not exist in Haldimand Norfolk. The committee will investigate options for bail program in HN counties. The committee will explore issue of “Prisoner Belongings” and transportation issues on release from jail. Food emergency vouchers for release from custody are most important as HN has no custody facility. The committee will continue to schedule Mental Health Legal Clinics as needed and will continue to explore possibilities of continuing workshop topic as follow up to the Mental Health Law 102 and 102. Committee will be gathering stats on problem issue on release of custody.</li> <li>• <b>Brantford Committee:</b> Peg Purvis ED. CMHA Brant and Local Chair have retired. The committee will be identifying a Chair, in the interim Kersten Brooks CMHA Brantford will act as the Brantford HSJCC Chair. Still waiting for the jail to close in Brantford and are making plans re: discharge planning and service provision with Detention Centers.</li> <li>• <b>Six Nations:</b> Aboriginal Court opened Jan. 7/14 in Brantford. First Court date was held Jan. 17/14. Circle of Courage Conference being held March 17 &amp; 18/14 featuring Dr. Martin Brokenleg. Regional HSJCC may sponsor a few candidates to attend. Involved in Connections Project, distributing Meth, pain management survey, 103 participants, will be rolling out findings.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Champlain Regional HSJCC</b> Joan Dervin</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very pleased that Kevin Barclay from the Champlain LHIN has joined our committee. It is the first time we have had LHIN representation</li> <li>• Issue arising in regards to processes, protocols for mentally ill offenders at our local detention centre who refuse to attend court, as a result of their mental illness. Currently, this can cause delay after delay, then OCDC contacts Ottawa Police who send their tactical team to extricate the person. Will be discussing solutions at our next meeting, however, thought I would raise at the Prov. table to hear if anyone else experiencing similar issues and how it was resolved.</li> <li>• LAO is supporting an Education Day for the Ottawa bar in regards to Mental Health Court, MHCC, etc. Hoping to have regional service providers at kiosks to provide information, etc.</li> <li>• There has been some difficulty with some acutely ill accused and getting them to court. Joan noted that the court cannot video conference to the local detention centre.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Simcoe-Muskoka Regional HSJCC</b> Michael Dunn</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently looking at formalizing a Police/ Hospital partnership in Barrie. St. Joe’s Hospital Hamilton presented to the committee about their successful partnership. A meeting with senior hospital management, community mental health, and Barrie PS is being arranged to discuss next steps.</li> <li>• CIT training provided to 20 Barrie PS officers in February. Sessions for regional OPP officers are scheduled for June and September.</li> <li>• Preliminary evaluation of the Urgent Needs Communication Tool, used to report critical MH and safety concerns from court to the jail, was positive. Some minor changes have been made to the tool and it will be re-evaluated in June.</li> <li>• Collingwood Advisory Group completed an awareness event in partnership with Autism Dog Services. Funds were raised to purchase a puppy which was donated to ADS to be trained and given to a family in need. The event was supported by local media and raised awareness about HSJCC and the work of the committee</li> </ul>

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<b>South West Regional HSJCC</b>	<p><b>Windsor-Essex HSJCC, Marilyn Weller, Co-Chair</b>  March 6, 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local plans for an Inner City Transitional Stability Centre for people with mental illnesses and/or addictions are on track with a projected opening in the spring of 2014. The facility will open with beds for 22-24 people and plans to expand over time to accommodate up to 55 people who have serious mental illnesses, addictions, are homeless, at-risk of homelessness, and are difficult to serve. Referrals will come from Police or the Emergency Departments. Supports, programming, and life skills training will be available through the facility. Clients will also be linked with case managers for up to 18 months upon discharge from the facility.</li> <li>The local 672 Court has recently appointed two new justices to serve in this specialized court. Justice Marion and Justice Campbell have now joined Justice Dean in serving the 672 Court.</li> <li>Members of the Windsor-Essex HSJCC recently had a tour of the new South West Detention Centre. The new facility has been long-awaited and our members are eagerly awaiting the official opening of the new centre later this year. CMHA-WECB will have two Court Support/Release from Custody staff housed at the detention centre to provide court support and discharge planning for inmates with mental illnesses.</li> <li>Windsor-Essex is seeing an increase in the number of violent offenders with mental illnesses who are being referred to CMHA for Community Support Services or to ACTT for case management. The Local HSJCC has agreed to establish a multidisciplinary subcommittee to begin working on a strategy for evaluating and serving high-risk clients in our community. The subcommittee has begun by reaching out to other Local HSJCCs for resources that are already being used in other communities and will meet for the first time in April.</li> </ul> <p><b>Grey Bruce HSJCC - Claude Anderson</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We had a very successful conference in November on Human Services, Justice and Family Law.</li> <li>Our December meeting was cancelled due to weather and our next meeting is March 21<sup>st</sup>. We will be working on our work plan at this meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>Lambton Kent HSJCC - Trish Wells</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CIT sessions with Sarah Burtenshaw and Judy Alton</li> <li>In December with Lambton OPP</li> <li>In January with Chatham OPP.</li> <li>large afternoon work shop slated for the spring with Psychiatrist Dr. Robinson. (last year he spoke on personality disorders) this year hasn't been decided on topic.</li> </ul> <p><b>Chatham Kent HSJCC - Ann-Marie Simpson</b></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chatham held our first HSJCC meeting of the year on January 21, 2013. During that meeting we called for a co-chair on the committee to ensure that the direction of the committee is a true collaboration between CMHA and our community partners. To date, we are still seeking a co-chair.</li> <li>• Unfortunately Justice Fuerth announced that he is stepping down from the committee, and named his replacement as Justice Paul Kowalyshyn. We have also added another new member to our committee from the Chatham Kent Drug Awareness Council.</li> <li>• Our next HSJCC meeting will be held in April 2014.</li> </ul> <p><b>London</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FASD: Neurobehavioural multi-sector training; facilitated by Nancy Hall; 4 part training - Feb/March 2014</li> <li>• SWLHIN completed a MHA/Justice consultation with consultant Jim Whaley to address ongoing service enhancements and needs in the SW LHIN catchment</li> <li>• Ongoing involvement with Advisory for Crisis Working group and Adult Therapeutic Court group</li> <li>• last meeting was cancelled and we will be looking for new members and commitment at our next meeting in April</li> </ul>
<p><b>Toronto Regional HSJCC</b> Steve Lurie</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All HSJCC locals, including the Complex Sub-Committee, have updated their 2014-2015 Work Plans.</li> <li>• The T-HSJCC will hold a webinar on March 28, 2014 - A Conversation with Deputy Chief Mike Federico. Registration is going well.</li> <li>• The S-HSJCC is continuing to work on the Consumer Survivor Participation Pilot Project. The goal of the project is to include people with lived experience on the committee. Membership continues to grow with new members from the social service sector who are working with the homeless population. The participants in the collaborative project to address seamless and timely continuity of care for the homeless population are continuing to share information and coordinate resources.</li> <li>• The DT-HSJCC toured the Toronto South Detention Centre (TSDC). Members are concerned about video screening and will monitor the situation. Justice was promised that the first appearance would be in person. Access 1 and Coordinated Access to Supportive Housing (C.A.S.H.) provided an informative presentation. Concerns about housing capacity were expressed. Membership is continuing to grow with representation from the social services, health, and hospital sectors. The committee is working on moving the Lunch and Learns to a webinar format.</li> <li>• NY-HSJCC members supported a MCIT unit in North York. Division 32 and 33 will be getting an MCIT connected to NYG by the end of March 2014. A letter was sent on behalf of the NY-HSJCC supporting continuity of care for the NYG Mental Health and Justice Treatment and Support Services. The committee is working on developing webinar Lunch and Learns. CMHA provided an informative and educational presentation on the Safe Beds Program. Membership is growing with representation from the justice sector.</li> <li>• The WT-HSJCC had an informative and educational presentation from LAMP Community Health Centre. The committee is monitoring its role in terms of the direction of the Justice Collaborative and the Reintegration</li> </ul>

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	<p>Centre. Membership has increased with representation from Police, TSDC and Reintegration Centre.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complex Sub-Committee is working on assessing the need for a T-HSJCC Service Resolution (SR) process and identifying possible model(s) that integrate with existing SR structures. Membership is growing.</li> </ul>
<b>Waterloo-Wellington Regional HSJCC</b> Sharon Deally-Grzybowski	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Cambridge and Kitchener HSJCCs are holding a half day free Learn and Lunch on “The Elderly in the Criminal Justice System: Addressing the Concerns” on March 31, 2014 Presenters are: Dr. Melissa Andrew, Geriatric Psychiatrist, Queen’s University; Shirley Guttenberg, RN, Specialized Medical Team; Linda Elliott, Assistant Crown Attorney, Regional Municipality of Waterloo; Cathy Sturdy-Smith, Sheli O’Connor and Laura Sullivan, Specialized Geriatric Services, Canadian Mental Health Association-WWD.</li> <li>The Regional HSJCC and Guelph HSJCC are working on their 2014-2015 work plans with the idea of doing some conferences to address current issues and needs of the community</li> </ul>
<b>York/South Simcoe Regional HSJCC</b> Jonathan King	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Terms of reference for 2014-2016 now complete. The York region HSJCC sub committee is working on their work plan for the same period, to be completed by June. Plans to host a one day youth focused conference in the fall is in preliminary planning stage with a sub committee working on this. Committee has rejuvenated its membership with a number of new members including a new co-chair. A member of the judiciary has expressed interest in joining the committee, which we will vigorously pursue. The committee is looking at a model of psychiatric services aligned with the court; the model in Kitchener court is being championed by a lawyer whom is familiar with this approach. The issue of utilizing the hospitals available in York is the one major stumbling block to get over.</li> </ul>

**Ministry Updates:**

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<b>Ministry of Community and Social Services</b> Reshmi Majumder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Mental Health Screening Tool Pilot training has been completed at the 5 pilot sites and the pilot is underway. An evaluation will be completed once the pilot has been completed. The five pilot sites are: Kenora Jail, Quinte DC, Central East CC, Windsor Jail and Vanier Centre for Women.</li> </ul>
<b>Ministry of Health and Long Term Care</b> Sheri Weisberg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sheri indicated that she presented the ER Protocol project to the Inter-ministerial Justice working group and that the report was received positively.</li> </ul>
<b>Ministry of the Attorney General</b> Dena Bonnet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is a push for wellness within the Crown office as there are continual issues with vicarious trauma incidence within the office.</li> </ul>

**Updates from Other Committee Members:**

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<b>Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In 2013 the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police undertook to conduct a survey to capture the impact on policing resources from large, medium and small police services. The survey attempt to capture all police encounters with person with mental illness. At the present time information from the survey continues to come in but it is expected during the spring of 2014 that a report will be produced demonstrating the impact to policing resources and the associated costs of police encounters with persons with mental illness.</li> </ul>	
<b>Ontario Provincial Police</b> Judy Alton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The interRai assessment tool has been approved by the OPP and training DVD's will be sent out to detachments across Ontario.</li> </ul>	