

Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee
Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 12:15 p.m.

Held by Zoom

Minutes

1. Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m.

2. Present:

Angel Quesnel	Addiction and Mental Health Services
Troy Francis	Akwesasne Community Justice Program
Rena Smoke	Akwesasne Community Justice Program
Benoit St. Jean	Hawkesbury General Hospital
Véronique Pagé-Charlebois	Hawkesbury General Hospital
Joanne Ledoux-Moshonas (Co-Chair)	CMHA – Champlain East
Nadia Langevin	CMHA – Champlain East
Johanne Renaud	CMHA – Champlain East
George Knezevic	Cornwall Community Police Service
Sabrina Peacock (Co-Chair)	Fetal Alcohol Resource Program
Kelsey Benoit	Laurencrest
Mallory Ouelltette	Laurencrest
Sandra Langevin	Secretary
Adrien Joly	Situation Table of Prescott-Russell
Kate Baker	The Royal (OTN wasn't working for her)
Michelle Gosselin	Victim Services of S.D.G.&A.
Sheila Tallon	Victim Witness Assistance Program, S.D. & G.
Marissa Moher	Youturn
Tasha Rennie, Andrew Fairbairn, Candace Vena	– Guests Regional HSJCC

Regrets:

Bethany Zagar	Laurencrest
Jim Blanchette	Ontario Provincial Police, SD&G
Carilyne Hébert	Social Development Council of Cornwall and Area
Kamylle Roy	Social Services, Ontario Works

Absent:

Raquel Beauvais-Godard	CMHA – Champlain East
Chantal Finn-Lossier	Legal Ontario
Lynn Bradley	Legal Aid Ontario
Mario Gratton	Ontario Provincial Police, Prescott-Russell
Mélissa Bouchard	Ontario Provincial Police, Prescott-Russell
Cheryl Bass	Ottawa-Carleton Detention Centre
Jérémy O'Grady	Prescott-Russell Victim Services
Martine Sabourin	Probation and Parole Services
Marie-Eve Poulin	Valoris
Alanna Wall	Youth Now Intervention Services
Kim Hayward	Youth Now Intervention Services

1. Membership Engagement Session:

Today's meeting was a **Member Engagement Session** and was facilitated by the Provincial HSJCC Secretariat Staff. Activities involved an overview of the HSJCC Network followed by facilitated group discussions. Discussions focused on topics including the committee's vision and goals, the membership's motivation, group communication and participation, and knowledge exchange activities. The purpose of the session was to give members the opportunity to reflect on the committee's overall purpose and effectiveness and to work together to identify challenges and potential solutions.

An overview of the HSJCC Network and Provincial HSJCC Power Point Presentation was shared and sent with the meeting minutes.

Breakout group discussion questions:

Members were divided into three groups and some of the key highlights from each group that were captured were:

Topic 1: Vision

What is the overall vision for our committee?

What does our committee want to achieve?

- The HSJCC has a Terms of Reference - We could work at adding a vision and review yearly. The vision would be used in guiding us on our goals and workplans. As far as our goals, it would be more efficient to have less and have more focus on them.
- To work collectively and in collaboration with all Stakeholders of our communities providing care and support to all patrons.

Topic 2: Motivation

- **Who are my committee members and why are they a part of the HSJCC Network?**
 - We have a great group of members from different sectors as of now, but we might want to include people with lived experience somehow. We have seen the increased participation with an easier platform for videoconferencing (OTN can be complicated). It is nice to see the engagement of some members using their creativity to develop projects that will support the more vulnerable population dealing with justice.
 - Committee members represent key agencies in our catchment area under Health, Justice, Developmental, and Mental Health and Addictions - they represent the service needs of our patrons.
- **Who should be part of this network and who has not yet joined?**
We think family and clients should be represented as well as invited experts in the area we may be exploring or discussing.
- **What are some potential working groups that could be formed form this network?**
We felt there were working groups in place that are not going so well so to add more at this point did not seem a good use of resources.

Topic 3: Communication

What are some different ways we could make communication easier with each other as a group?

- Email is the best way, secretary support, Zoom meetings have been helpful, need to inquire about meeting date and time.

- Bring in subject expertise.
- We could create a brochure and/or newsletter to promote our HSJCC and its work in the media.
- We all agreed Sandra did a great job amongst the committee. Some suggestions for the website was a Directory of service for our patrons followed by a booklet with the same info - Like a Where to Turn Resource under the different titles so if someone was looking for Mental Health and Addictions support, they would know who to contact. Not all people have access to internet.
- It was suggested everyone should have an alternate so that if they are unable to attend a meeting, the agency is still represented.

What types of linkages should be enhanced/developed with other HSJCC committees?

- Share information on website, have good representation at the Regional, member who participates at the Ottawa HSJCC.
- The website is a great tool to find information and share information, for example it is used for the Hoarding Response Coalitions.

Topic 4: Knowledge Exchange:

What types of knowledge and information could/should be shared within our committee?

- Anything new, gaps, emerging needs to assist clients, education and training, new programs.
- We felt it was important for each Stakeholder at our table to do a presentation on their service and what they can offer, to do this annually as there is turn over. This could be followed up with a Brochure that outlines all the agencies represented on this committee and a brief bio and summary including how to contact.

What types of knowledge and information could/should be shared within other HSJCC committees, networks or the broader community?

- Provincial Newsletter, shared meeting minutes from Regional, promotion of website that has local HSJCC meetings and access to other networks.
- We thought it would be important for the Chairs of all HSJCCs across the province to have regular contact through a "Community of Practice Group" to hear what is going on province-wide and gain ideas/initiatives - bring back the information.

What are some new and/or unique methods to exchange knowledge?

- Increase our visibility, increase promotion of Provincial website.
- Have guest speakers on any supports or initiatives that fall under the services we promote in our community so that we are in the know.

2. Funding Request Proposal:

Following the November 5th, 2020 meeting, a proposal was put together by Johanne Renaud, Benoit St. Jean and Marissa Moher for the purchase of winter gear, emergency transportation and food necessities for justice involved clients who may be in need. The proposal was circulated to members prior to the meeting and will be attached to the minutes as well. Discussed ensued.

It was agreed that the HSJCC local could support the full funding request of \$3,000 and not ask the Regional for \$1,500 as noted in the proposal, as we have the money in our budget.

Motion: To use \$3,000 from the budget for this fiscal year, ending March 31, 2021, for the request for emergency funds – Release from Custody, for the purchase of winter gear, emergency transportation and food necessities. Moved by Angel Quesnel, seconded by Sabrina Peacock. All in favor. Carried.

Next Steps: We would need to know how many agencies would be interested for their clients, and then we would divide the funding accordingly. CMHA will issue the funds to the member organization, who would then be responsible for the management of these funds and provide a report with supporting receipts prior to March 31, 2021.

3. YTD Budget

A discussion took place regarding overall 2020-2021 budget surplus funds could be used to support relevant training sessions or events or purchase so many seats for our members to participate in a virtual conference, or provide honorariums for Lunch and Learns.

4. Upcoming Lunch & Learn Sessions – FASD and Justice

Sabrina Peacock shared that (2) Lunch and Learn sessions will be hosted for HSJCC members, their staff and co-workers on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) and Justice, on February 18th, from 12:00 – 2:00 pm (English) and February 23rd from 12:00 – 2:00 pm (French). Promotion flyer will be shared with members in the next few days.

5. Link to HSJCC Website

Members are reminded that they may access information on the Provincial and Local HSJCC's on the following portal link:

<http://hsjcc.on.ca/stormont-dundas-glengarry-prescott-russell-akwesasne-local-hsjcc/>

6. Next Meeting

- Scheduled for Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 12:15 p.m. by MS Teams.
- If you cannot attend this meeting but have something you would like to share, please send it by email to Sandra Langevin slangevin@eohu.ca .

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.