

**Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee  
Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 at 12:15 p.m.**

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**Minutes**

**Present:**

Sabrina Peacock ( <b>Co-Chair</b> )	ABLE2 Fetal Alcohol Resource Program
Amanda Eaton	AccessMHA – Guest
Angel Quesnel	Addiction and Mental Health Services
Brittney Skidders	Akwesasne Community Justice Program
Troy Francis	Akwesasne Community Justice Program
Heriberto E. Cajigas	Akwesasne Healing Centre – Guest
Joanne Ledoux-Moshonas ( <b>Co-Chair</b> )	Canadian Mental Health Association-Champlain East
Nadia Langevin	Canadian Mental Health Association-Champlain East
Johanne Renaud	Canadian Mental Health Association-Champlain East
Michelle Gosselin	Canadian Mental Health Association-Champlain East
Tracey Pilon	Cornwall Community Police Service
Benoit St. Jean	Hawkesbury General Hospital
Geneviève Arturi	Hawkesbury General Hospital
Bethany Zagar	Laurencrest
Kelsey Benoit	Laurencrest
Chantal Finn-Losier	Legal Aid Ontario
Kenneth Gray	Ontario Provincial Police, Hawkesbury
Melissa Bouchard	Ontario Provincial Police, Hawkesbury
Sara Frechette-Paquette	Residence of Prescott and Russell
Sandra Langevin	Secretary
Kate Baker	The Royal

**Regrets:**

Chantal Prieur Victim Services of S.D.G.&A.

**Absent:**

Lynn Bradley	Legal Aid Ontario
Jim Blanchette	Ontario Provincial Police, SDG
Jérémy O'Grady	Prescott-Russell Victim Services
Martine Sabourin	Probation and Parole Services
Adrien Joly	Situation Table of Prescott Russell
Carilyn Hebert	Social Development Council of Cornwall and Area
Marie-Eve Poulin	Valoris
Sheila Tallon	Victim Witness Assistance Program
Marissa Moher	Youturn
Alanna Wall/Kim Hayward	Youth Now Intervention Services

1. **Word of Welcome**

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

2. **Land Acknowledgement**

As you may know, the Canadian government has declared September 30<sup>th</sup> as **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**. This new federal stat holiday is meant to be a day for Canadians to spread awareness of and reflect on the tragedies experienced by Indigenous people as a result of the country's former residential school system.

"We begin this (meeting/gathering) today with the recognition and acknowledgement of the land that we are meeting on today as the ancestral and traditional lands of the Kanien'keha:ka Mohawk people. We make this statement as a sign of respect and affirmation, and as a single but important step towards reconciliation. As a representation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action, we acknowledge the territory of the Mohawk People and bring awareness and offer our respect to the space that we inhabit today. Niawen. Thank you. Merci."

As community leaders and partners, it was proposed that we include a land acknowledgement statement at the beginning our meeting to signify our commitment to reconciliation with Indigenous peoples in Canada. Members supported the suggestion.

3. **Adoption of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved as circulated. Moved by Nadia Langevin, seconded by Michelle Gosselin. Carried.

4. **Adoption of the Minutes**

The May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting minutes were approved as circulated. Moved by Nadia Langevin, seconded by Bethany Zagar. Carried.

5. **Business arising from Minutes**

Will be covered today.

6. **HSJCC Budget (Joanne LM)**

a) **2021-2022 YTD Budget**

The 2021-2022 Budget of funds available report was sent to members. A 2021-2022 Proposed Budget was sent to the members before the meeting and discussed today. Every year, we have access to \$7,000 from the Regional HSJCC. Joanne extracted what we have from the Workplan and here we see where the funds have been allocated and that's how we intend to distribute those funds. We also have flexibility throughout the year, we can certainly move things around and work with what we have, and to support our clients. We had some great initiatives this year to support our clients throughout the pandemic. Some of those were:

- Client Care packages were put together to help facilitate ease for clients to attend medical and legal appointments. Clients were very supportive and appreciated these, so we allocated for that again.
- Provide assistance to clients in an Emergency Situation: Of the HSJCC SDG and PR and Akwesasne local membership who present themselves in an emergency situation and do not have resources to meet the emergency needs such as transportation, meal and seasonal appropriate clothing.
- Training and Professional Development; also looked at Training for Hoarders and HSJCC Annual Conference.
- To do a review of Structure, Terms of Reference, local Mission and Values. Goals.
- Distribute pamphlets and flyers "10 steps to a safer, healthier and more comfortable home" throughout the fire department as they do their training.
- When we were in person, we would cater in lunch. We assume that we will be doing this again in the coming year.

7. **Champlain Regional HSJCC**

a) **Champlain Regional HSJCC meeting update (Johanne Renaud)**

- There hasn't been a meeting since we last met.
- Working with a group for pets while their owners are institutionalized.

- Working with OCDC and Release from Custody, to see how we can work better together, especially agencies outside of Ottawa.
- Jean Laurent Domingue from the Royal will be the Regional Chair.

## 8. **SDG-PR 2020-2021 Workplan and update from Chairs of the sub-committees**

### 1. **Collaboration and collaborative care (Joanne / Sabrina)**

- a) *Increase membership of the Cornwall SDG and PR and Akwesasne HSJCC to enhance community engagement with the committee.*
- Welcome to our new committee members who have joined recently:
    - Tracey Pilon replacing George Knezevic
    - Sarah Frechette-Paquette replacing Jade Roy
    - Kenneth Gray replacing Mario Gratton
  - It is great to see our network growing. There is also our website that you will find meeting minutes, membership lists, agency information, etc. We encourage you to go and familiarize yourself, it's a good way to connect with others throughout the network.

## 9. **Direct Services (Sheila Tallon)**

- a) *Mental Health & Developmental Disabilities Court model for Cornwall*  
No updates. They were on pause for a while. Looking at retrofitting of the cell for our Mental Health and Developmental Disability Court where the accused would be assessed via OTN by a forensic psychiatrist from The Royal.

- a) *Create plans of care, service plans/release plans, provide counselling and referrals (All)*  
No updates.

### i. **Hoarding**

#### **PR Hoarding Response Committee (Johanne Renaud)**

- A meeting will be held on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30 pm, will be partially live at the Hawkesbury Fire Services, also on MSTeams, lead is Annie Poirier Larocque. We have a bunch of new members.
- We will update the Collaboration agreement if needed.
- Will work at the Fire Safety Campaign in the fall where we will share the 10 steps to a safer, healthier and more comfortable home fact sheet with the fire services so they can distribute them in their community. This will help educate and prevent Hoarding issues as well connect ones that are in need of help to CMHA CE.
- If you are interested in seeing the documents, you can go on the website under "Resources" and you can print them. <https://hsjcc.on.ca/stormont-dundas-glengarry-prescott-russell-akwesasne-local-hsjcc/prescott-russell-hoarding-response-coalition/>. Link was not working properly.
- If you're interested in joining the coalition, please contact me or Sandra Langevin or Joanne Ledoux-Moshonas and they will forward your name to Johanne Renaud, Chair of this Coalition.

#### **SDG Hoarding Response Committee (Michelle Gosselin)**

- No update on the committee but an update with clients and what we are doing in Cornwall.
- I met with the two workers and they have reached the annual target which is 40 and we are at 52 active clients.

- The Hoarding disorder series took place in April 2021. It was done virtually and had 5 two-hour presentations: The training attracted many participants and was describes as being fantastic by many.
    - 1) Introduction to Animal Hoarding
    - 2) Harm reduction and skills- Based Intervention Approach to Hoarding
    - 3) Hoarding: What everyone Needs to Know
    - 4) CBT for Hoarding Disorder: A workshop for clinicians
    - 5) Childhood trauma, emotional dysregulation and hoarding symptoms
  - We are participating in two research programs. The first one is out of Boston and has to do with the program “Buried in Treasures”. Prior to Covid, we have been submitting our pre and post group surveys to them and will begin doing this again shortly. The second is with the university of BC. They have interviewed both our hoarding leads. They are developing standardized material for people working with have issues with hoarding.
  - The Coalition will be meeting in the fall.
- ii. New services have been added in our community and Joanne LM thought we’d promote and share with you.
- a. **Akwesasne Healing Centre**  
Heriberto E. Cajigas, Outreach Worker at the Akwesasne Healing Centre joined our meeting to present on his agency. The Power Point presentation will be sent with the meeting minutes and will be put on our website as well. Contact information is [heriberto.cajigas@akwesasne.ca](mailto:heriberto.cajigas@akwesasne.ca). Thank you very much!
- b. **Access/MHA** <https://www.accessmha.ca/>  
Amanda Eaton of the Mental Health and Addictions Regional Coordinated Access joined our meeting to present on her agency. The Power Point presentation will be sent with the meeting minutes and will be put on our website as well. Contact information is [amanda.eaton@theroyal.ca](mailto:amanda.eaton@theroyal.ca). Thank you very much!
- c. **1 Call 1 Click** <https://1call1click.ca/en/index.aspx>  
Essential intake for the younger population. We will invite them to make a presentation at the November meeting.
- c) *Liaise with the Cornwall / SDG **Situation Table** and Prescott-Russell Advisory Committees*
- i. **SDG&A Situation Table (Michelle Gosselin)**  
Information from Elyse Lauzon-Alguire: There are not many updates at this time as summer months are quiet. A recent data report is expected to be received by the second week of September and will be forwarded to share with the members of the HSJCC.
- ii. **PR Situation Table Initiative (Adrien Joly)**  
Johanne Renaud shared that we’ve done some door knocks and we’ve tried to do some outreach. They have new stats that we will let Adrien share at a future meeting since he is absent today.
- d) *Liaise with Vibrant Communities of SDG (Carilyn Hébert)*  
Vibrant Communities (VC) is working on pulling together everyone's brainstorming for action items within each Strategy. VC is currently doing the same brainstorming activity that was done with the Lived Experience Advisory Council working groups, which are bringing unique ideas and perspectives. The plan is to have this work completed in October to then be able to meet with the working groups in November to finalize some key pieces of the plan. This would mean that

the first draft could be ready before the holidays, which could then be approved by the Community Safety and Well-being leadership table in early 2022 then approved by the municipalities.

e) *Offer Client Care kits (Sheila Tallon)*

i. **What is the current need / Allocated \$2,200 budget for this year**

Johanne R. said CMHA has been doing some of the distribution of the kits sponsored by the HSJCC for the release from court project. If you need something for some of your clients, please reach out to me, some of the items include personal care products and Tim Horton's card for a meal, visa cards for taxis and Giant Tiger for clothing etc. Joanne LM said perhaps Akwesasne Healing Centre could benefit from this initiative as well.

10. **Training and professional development as identified by the HSJCC members (Co-Chairs)**

a) *HSJCC will offer local training for front line service providers on identified gaps and services.* Joanne asked members if there were any training, they would be interested in relative to our local HSJCC needs. She redirected the members to look at HSJCC provincial website because they offer different professional development opportunities.

b) *Community development day on the topic of hoarding*

i. Upcoming **PROVINCIAL HSJCC Virtual Conference**, November 16-17, 2021 – <https://hsjccconference.ca/> - Fee: \$50 per member, the local HSJCC will pay registration fee for members interested (20 people). The Provincial HSJCC Conference is the network's premiere educational event, bringing together more than 400 professionals from across the human services and justice sector to share promising practices, build cross-sector networks and engage in solutions for the people they serve.

Interested members can send Sandra Langevin an email and she will gather the names and forward to Joanne Ledoux-Moshonas to have CMHA Admin team process registrations and payment.

11. **Service and system performance, monitoring and evaluation (Co-Chairs)**

a) *Improve direction and understanding of the purpose of the Local HSJCC*

This is the work that is done when we do the Workplan and then we need to achieve the activities, goals and plans on the Workplan. Members can participate and help. It is everyone's responsibility to bring forward what you are doing. We also need to report back to the Regional. Joanne Renaud reports what we do here at the Regional and then she reports back here.

Our vision and goals, the membership's motivation, group communication and participation, knowledge exchange activities and terms of reference were looked at when the Secretariat came in January.

b) *Promote the use of the Regional website to access all local HSJCC meeting materials*  
We post relevant information on the website.

c) *Review Structure, Terms of Reference, Mission, Values, Goals of the local HSJCC – review at the beginning of each fiscal year, set member buddy system if required to provide orientation to new members*

i. **Online Meeting Evaluation Form (discussion)**

An electronic meeting evaluation form will be created to solicit member feedback on the meeting process and relevance of topics being discussed.

## 12. **New Business**

- a) **Pandemic Re-Opening – Recovery Stage --- Organizational / Programming update**
- **Johanne Renaud – Canadian Mental Health Association-Champlain East**
    - Johanne R. shared that her agency receives funds for Post Court transitional intensive Case management. We are working with our partners to expand this program. We are finding that a lot of our clients being released from jail are without any personal items. Working with the clients that are dealing with both legal and mental health issues is really a challenge. Housing options is a big one. Nadia has started working with the OPP and people being released on bail. It would be a good item to put on our Workplan.
    - CMHA and OPP are reviewing the Pre-Charge Diversion Protocols.
  - **Michelle Gosselin – Canadian Mental Health Association-Champlain East**
    - Michelle shared that Ann Alguire, SD south Glengarry, asked for the Community Research Officer, for homeless people who want to be put on the voter's list.
  - **Nadia Langevin – Canadian Mental Health Association-Champlain East**
    - Nadia shared that the Prescott and Russell Emergency Shelter Response Coalition committee was created to set up the steps to follow when an organization in the Prescott-Russell region has a client who will be or is homeless. For example, which organization to contact first.
    - The committee is in its early stages. she will keep us posted on the next steps.
    - Joanne LM asked Michelle to see what we can do to link with some to join our group to see what is being worked on and addressed.
  - **Angel Quesnel – Cornwall Community Hospital - CCH**
    - Angel shared that there is a Mayor's Task Force meeting at the end of the month to discuss housing barriers for people who live with Addictions and Mental Health, and/or involved in Justice, etc., many community services are represented in this meeting including CCH senior leadership. CCH will be doing a presentation to discuss some of the barriers and pressure points as it relates to stable and affordable housing in Cornwall. Once the presentation slides are completed, Angel will share with Michelle Gosselin from CMHA to include any input that she thinks may be relevant to this discussion.

## 13. **Member Agency information Sharing**

- **Kate Baker – The Royal**
  - Our services in Cornwall continue to be operational.
- **Staff Sergeant Tracey Pilon – Cornwall Community Hospital**
  - Tracey is now the Staff Sergeant of Community Patrol replacing George Knezevic. She oversees the day-to-day operations of our sworn uniform police officers. She also co-ordinates the Equity, Diversity and Inclusivity initiatives which includes developing an EDI Framework, outreach, training, etc.
- **Brittney Skidders – Akwesasne Community Justice Program**
  - Brittney spoke about her position with Akwesasne Community Justice Program as the Gladue Aftercare Worker and its heavy involvement with survivors of Residential Schools as well as the impacts attendance at these schools caused.
  - In June 2021, the Government passed Bill C-5 to allow for creation of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation which is in line with the 94 Calls to Action allowing all federally regulated workplaces to have a "holiday". National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is set

for September 30, 2021. Since 2013, September 30 has been observed as Orange Shirt Day across Turtle Island. This is meaningful effort to spread awareness of and reflect on the tragedies experienced by Indigenous People across Turtle Island. How can healing begin without implementing awareness and justice for the residential school children and survivors. Reconciliation isn't just for one group of people, it is a responsibility for everyone, and a reminder that the journey towards reconciliation will forever be ongoing for indigenous people and their children to come.

- She is seeking approval to conduct a community releasing smudge to take place on September 30, 2021. Details are not concrete as she is just in the beginning phase of what this event may look like to our community as well as surrounding communities. She is hopeful that this event could be approved and conducted annually. She would also like to offer wood kits and smudge bundle to first group of registrants as well as an opportunity to upload photo of you paying respects. She is also inviting a cultural speaker to conduct ohenton karihwatehkwen (giving thanks in mohawk language) to all living things and hope to go live on ACJP Facebook page. Individually we must encourage our people to reflect on the legacy of Residential Schools each and every day, so on September 30, 2021, she proposes a reflection releasing smudge in unison across Turtle Island as an effort to pay respects to this "holiday" called National Day for Reconciliation.

- **Bethany Zagar – Laurencrest**

- Bethany shared that their community programs (Youth mental health court worker in SD&G and PR, Intersections in SD&G and PR, EJM/EJS Diversion Programs, Youth Justice Committee, Direct Accountability Program (Adult), CSO Program (Adult) and our Section 23 Programs (7-8 and 9-12) are all still operational.
- Their agency is currently collaborating with other community agencies to develop a proposal for a short term residential treatment program. The project must be replicable in other communities.

14. **Next Meeting**

- Scheduled for Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 12:15 p.m. by MSTeams.
- 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](mailto:slangevin@eohu.ca)

15. **Link to HSJCC Website**

- Members are reminded that they may access information on the Provincial and Local website. If you go on the link, you'll find a lot of information on our committee, for example, local and regional meeting minutes, Hoarding response, 10 steps poster, a lot of things that we're doing including the orientation, Welcome letter, everything is there, presentations. It's available to everyone. Anything you want to share, send it to Sandra Langevin and she'll make sure it gets on the website. HSJCC is on the following portal link:  
<http://hsjcc.on.ca/stormont-dundas-glengarry-prescott-russell-akwesasne-local-hsjcc/>

16. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.