

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

### **Article 1 – Name**

The name of the Committee shall be the Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee (HSJCC) of Stormont, Dundas, Glengarry, Prescott, Russell and Akwesasne.

### **Article 2 – Purpose and Objective**

The HSJCC serves to gather and share information among the service providers of Stormont, Dundas, Glengarry, Prescott, Russell and Akwesasne.

Our purpose is to advocate for the prevention of systemic abuse or abuse and violence against individuals with special needs.

Our objective is to find local solutions to local problems through more effective collaboration. We do this by:

- coordinating and planning efforts between Health, Criminal Justice, Developmental Services and other organizations;
- articulating a strategy to meet identified needs in the areas of prevention, system design, crisis plans, community intervention plans and court assessment plans; and,
- monitoring and evaluating the collective effectiveness and efficiency of the strategies.

### **Article 3 – Membership**

The membership of the HSJCC of Stormont, Dundas, Glengarry, Prescott, Russell and Akwesasne shall include at minimum one representative of the judiciary, legal system, police, community and institutional corrections, community and institutional mental health, community and institutional developmental services, community and institutional youth services, consumers and families and may include members from community agencies at large. Furthermore, the membership shall be representative of the 5 eastern counties and Akwesasne. The Chair will be elected by the membership.

### **Article 4 – Frequency of Meetings**

The HSJCC shall meet every second month or at the discretion of the Chair. Meetings of sub-committees may occur with more frequency depending on the volume of work, but each committee is required to report to the HSJCC during its regular meetings.

### **Article 5 – Evaluation**

The Terms of Reference will be evaluated every two years or as required.