HSJCC Network Reporting Template

Background

As per the Ministry of Health's reporting requirements, the Provincial, Regional and Local HSJCCs are required to report on their committee's activities twice a year through work planning and reporting.

Work planning assists HSJCCs in mapping out their planned activities for the year ahead. This keeps members well informed of what is happening at a Local, Regional and Provincial levels within the HSJCC Network. Annual reports demonstrate the key outcomes from the previous fiscal year and ensures transparency and accountability across the network. It is also a great way of highlighting the impact of our work and showcases the accomplishments of the HSJCC Network.

HSJCC Information

Name of Regional or Local HSJCC	**Scarborough Local HSJCC**
Chair/Co-Chair Names & Contact Information	**Dana Riley**, DRiley@efrytoronto.org **Imtiaz Moursalien,** imoursalien@taibuchc.ca **Julianne Fernie,** Julianne.Fernie@ontario.ca
HSJCC Objectives	**The S-HSJCC works collaboratively:** • To engage in joint cross-sectoral planning, coordination, collaboration and integration of service for individuals with mental health and substance use issues who are involved or at significant risk of being involved with the criminal justice system. • To identify local priorities for planning coordinated services, and establish a process for planning and joint problem solving in relation to these local priorities. • To improve transition at juncture points within services and systems for individuals who come into contact with the justice system • To assist with addressing local needs and reporting to the Toronto HSJCC to help inform systems planning at a regional level. • To recognize and address emerging health equity challenges during and post COVID-19 by working collaboratively by addressing the intersectional, equity and Anti-Racism approach to social determinants of health affecting racialized communities in contact with the justice system.

Name of Transfer Payment Agency & Contact Information	**Canadian Mental Health Association – Toronto Branch** **Tania Barrie**, tbarrie@cmhato.org or C. 416-433-9093
Total # of Funds Received from Regional Health Office	**$63,739**

List of Key Activities & Initiatives

The S-HSJCC works collaboratively:

I.To assist in developing and maintaining an accessible and well-functioning system of mental health, justice and related services that work together to improve the transition between services within the sector of the Committee's target population, to and through the services and supports that they need, when they need them.

II. To assist to improve the quality of services for individuals with mental health and substance use issues who are involved with the criminal justice system, including the specific matches made between clients and services both initially and through clients' individual recoveries over time.

III. To assists to minimize the amount of time people spend in correctional facilities waiting for assessments, (e.g., fitness, Form 6 and/or services they need to support their safe, successful release and re-integration back into the community).

IV. To assist to identify barriers to achievement of any of the above objectives, with a particular foci on identifying and addressing barriers at the interfaces between the mental health, substance use, criminal justice and related systems.

V. To assist in reducing recidivism.

VI. To improve the experience of equity seeking and racialized groups; recognize, support and engage with Black and Indigenous communities within the efforts of the Scarborough HSJCC OR in accordance with the mandate of the Scarborough HSJCC.

VII. To promote self-awareness/ reflection through education and dialogue about the equity impact of social determinants of health and how they may manifest in the work of the Scarborough Local HSJCC.

General Information for Activity I.	
Description	**Information Sharing:** Share information about mental health, substance use, criminal justice and related services that are accessible to individuals 16 years of age or older with a mental illness and/or substance use issue who are currently involved or at significant risk of being involved with the criminal justice system. Individuals may have co-occurring issues such as homelessness, substance use and/or a neurodisability.

Objectives and Key Deliverables	**Objectives:** • 10-20 committee members attend each meeting, • 4 presentations given at meetings, • 2 PowerPoint slide decks and resources distributed to members. • Circulate current information about human services and justice issues identified at committee meetings. • Maintain and circulate membership list. • Provide membership contact information and local resources for the P-HSJCC website. • Committee members provide updates about new services and programs at every meeting. • Year- end members' evaluation and membership confirmation. **Key Deliverables:** Increase knowledge exchange between systems and services. Re: how to support individuals with mental health and substance use issues who come into contact with the justice system. Increase the usefulness of information sharing resulting in informed decision making and improved client services.
Budget Allocated (As of April 1, 2025)	**See attached Financial Report**
Status Update as of March 31, 2026 **(Completed, Delayed, On Hold)**	**Completed:** We had four presentations at the May, September, January and March meetings. The November meeting was the in-person Toronto Local HSJCC Mega Meeting bringing together the four Toronto Local HSJCCs. This year we centre the voices of people with lived experience of the criminal legal system to learn from their perspectives, experiences, and expertise, and where we might have an opportunity to improve their experiences. <u>The themes of the day:</u> 1) In-custody conditions; 2) Release and reintegration; 3) Post-release service access; Over the last couple of years, we have been focusing on equity, anti-racism and have worked with people that have informed us around these lenses. We kept the focus on this and embed it in the agenda.
Key Outcomes	Four S-HSJCC meetings were held, with average attendance between 11–17 members. Presentations and Lunch & Learns improved knowledge exchange and informed decision-making across sectors.

	Conducted a comprehensive annual members' evaluation and membership confirmation to ensure information is accurate and up-to-date. 100% of committee members strongly agree to agree that the meetings are helpful and informative. Increased knowledge exchange between systems and services leads to effective and on-going cross-sectoral co-ordination and planning. 100% of committee members agree that they are well informed to somewhat informed about the activities of the HSJCC. 57 committee members attended 4 meetings (excluding the mega meeting). An increase of 6 percent from last year of 54. 16 members attended the meetings regularly, same as last year. Each meeting has an average of 14 members, same as last year. 7 new members joined the committee.
Budget Used by March 31, 2026	**See attached HSJCC Financial Report**

General Information for Activity II.	
Description	**System-building:** Develop effective linkages among the services in Scarborough so as to increase their accessibility and capacity to effectively meet the needs of the target population and support community safety.
Objectives and Key Deliverables	**Objectives:** 3 new members joining the committee 3 Welcome packages sent 50 members maintained Hold 5 meetings per fiscal year. One of these meetings will be a mega meeting with the four Toronto Local HSJCCs. Determine members who identify as being part of equity seeking and racialized groups. **Key Deliverables:** Maintain and increase representation from across sectors and equity seeking groups such as Black and Indigenous groups, people with lived experience, families and seniors. Increase the knowledge and awareness of emerging issues and best-practices regarding individuals who come into contact with the justice and mental health systems and support community safety initiatives. Increased collaboration and awareness of client-centred approaches to improve coordination and transition between services and sectors for individuals who come into contact with the justice system.

	Strengthen relevant partnerships to improve coordination and transitions between services and sectors. Conduct a hybrid annual committee meeting and/or Lunch and Learn.
Budget Allocated (As of April 1, 2025)	**See attached HSJCC Financial Report**
Status Update as of March 31, 2026 **(Completed, Delayed, On Hold)**	**Completed:** The S-HSJCC maintained approximately 70 members with active participation across sectors, strengthening cross-sectoral coordination and planning. The mega meeting was in-person on November 13, 2025 at the Ontario Court of Justice-Toronto.
Key Outcomes	Held 4 S-HSJCC virtual meetings and one mega meeting, with the following presentations: Drug Treatment Court, The Oaks Revitalization Association, The Space Between Safety & Autonomy, Regent Park CHC. The meeting package for each regular meeting includes a current membership list. Members are asked to review the list and submit any updates to ensure accuracy. 8 new members joined the committee from: TEDC (4), OCJ-T (1), PASAN (2) and Direct your Life (1). 6 welcome packages were sent. Added membership resulted in increased cross-sectoral coordination, planning and collaboration. 50% of members who completed the evaluation identified as female, 50% as male, 0 % as LGBTQ2S, 0% as First Nation/Metis/Inuit, 25% as Black, 25% as racialized, 0% as person with a disability, 38% as person with lived experience of mental health, substance use and/or justice involvement, 0%, I do not wish to disclose, 0% Other. This reflects an increase in the diversity representation of our committee membership and PWLE. 88% of members who completed the evaluation were regular members, 7out of 8. **Testimonials noted in the member's evaluation:** -The collaborative discussion on how to improve the experience of those being released on bail. -Productive discussions with the Assistant Crown Attorneys. - Lived experience speakers at Mega-Meeting 2025 actively involved in setting goals for the year ahead. The in-person Toronto Local HSJCCs Mega Meeting on November 13, 2025 attracted 40 Local HSJCC members from all of the four Toronto Local HSJCCs (Downtown Toronto, North York, Scarborough and West Toronto).
Budget Used by March 31, 2026	**See attached HSJCC Financial Report**

General Information for Activity III.	
Description	**Issue identification:** Work collaboratively to identify issues and barriers associated with the achievement of the goals identified above and determine how identified issues should be addressed, (i.e., at which internal/ external forums or tables).
Objectives and Key Deliverables	**Objectives:** Strengthen coordination and collaboration between human services and justice sectors. To explore the Committee's capacity to address its role in the gaps and needs of the Ontario Court of Justice Toronto, Toronto Regional Bail Centre and Justice Centres. To explore active engagement strategies. **Key Deliverables:** Continue to provide reports to the Toronto HSJCC meetings Ensure Co-chair(s) participate at the T-HSJCC meetings To collaborate in addressing system barriers for people involved with the justice sector who face significant systemic barriers to service access specific to the Ontario Court of Justice, Toronto Regional Bail Centre and Justice Centres. The priority area for the Scarborough HSJCC to address, based on the identified needs and gaps from the Specialty Courts Groups is 'Long Wait times and Accessing Services and fragmented systems' as discussed at the November 7, 2024 mega meeting.
Budget Allocated (As of April 1, 2025)	**See Attached Financial Report**
Status Update as of March 31, 2026 **(Completed, Delayed, On Hold)**	**Completed**
Key Outcomes	The S-HSJCC participated in the November 13, 2025 Mega Meeting with 40 attendees. The meeting centred lived-experience voices and highlighted challenges in custody, release, and post-release access. Key barriers identified included lack of healthcare access, limited release planning, and poor system coordination. The S-HSJCC Co-chair also participated in the planning and development of the November 13, 2025 Mega Meeting, contributing to discussions on

	improving the objectives and overall effectiveness of future mega meetings. As part of a continuous improvement approach, Ad Hoc Groups were established to focus on achievable priorities identified during the meeting. In addition, the S-HSJCC Co-chair is an active member of the Anti-Racism Ad Hoc Group that developed and implemented an educational series on anti-racism to improve the experience of equity-seeking and racialized groups. Furthermore, we continued to pivot to online activities where possible. The S-HSJCC Co-chairs attend the Toronto Regional HSJCC, where they report on the S-HSJCC's identified issues and priorities, resulting in increased coordination and collaboration through capacity-building and shared responsibility. Member evaluations and anecdotal feedback reflected increased engagement with HSJCC initiatives and strengthened coordination between the human services and justice sectors. Virtual services improved overall participation, and the return to an in-person Local HSJCC Mega Meeting further supported collaboration and relationship-building.
Budget Used by March 31, 2026	**See attached Financial Report**

General Information for Activity IV.	
Description	**Problem solving:** Work collaboratively to address issues and barriers associated with the achievement of the aforementioned goals and determine where/how they should be addressed (i.e., at which internal /external forums or tables).
Objectives and Key Deliverables	**Objectives**: As a last resort, continue to provide transportation and food vouchers to individuals who come into contact with the justice systems at their time of release. Submit monthly Presto cards and food voucher reports to the T-HSJCC Committee members continue to work collaboratively, utilizing a participatory group decision-making model Continue to have service resolution and coordination issues as a standing agenda item at every meeting. **Key Deliverables:**

	Increase collaboration and coordination to solve problems with the resolution of systemic issues that impact individuals who come into contact (or are at risk of involvement) with the justice system. Continue with shared accountability. Review minutes to ensure participatory group decision making takes place. Review Action Items to ensure problem solving and service coordination issues have been dealt with at every meeting. Improve functioning and quality of life re: client's within the target populations over equity, anti-racism and the social determinants of health. Reduce recidivism by supporting improved client outcomes.
Budget Allocated (As of April 1, 2025)	**See attached Financial Report**
Status Update as of March 31, 2026 **(Completed, Delayed, On Hold)**	**Completed**
Key Outcomes	The various agencies and programs at the courthouse and regional bail centre continue to work collaboratively to ensure access to Presto cards, food vouchers, and clothing. A care room was created at the TRBC and OCJ-T to address the needs of vulnerable individuals when they are released. Presto Cards, food vouchers, and clothing are donated by agencies/organizations working collaboratively, including the Toronto Regional HSJCC. In addition, monthly Presto cards, and food vouchers, reports to the T-HSJCC were submitted by the Toronto Bail Program and CMHA-Toronto on behalf of the S-HSJCC. Participatory decision making improves members' involvement and increases cross-sectorial collaboration. An Ad Hoc Working Group was established to explore how incarcerated individuals can ensure they have their personal property upon release from custody and to develop a template that provides information and resources to support reintegration after released from custody.
Budget Used by March 31, 2026	**See attached Financial Report**

General Information for Activity V.	
Description	**Communication:** Coordinate a forum through which to lead and facilitate communication among service providers in Scarborough.

Objectives and Key Deliverables	**Objectives:** Continue with regular committee meetings and distribution of minutes Continue to discuss service resolution and coordination issues at every meeting Committee members have input regarding presentations and Lunch and Learn topics with a focus on equity, anti black and indigenous racism. Continue to maintain and circulate a membership list. Continue to provide information to the Regional and Provincial HSJCC **Key Deliverables:** There is evidence of engagement and participation from the cross-sectoral membership as identified in the Committee's goals.
Budget Allocated (As of April 1, 2025)	**See attached Financial Report**
Status Update as of March 31, 2026 **(Completed, Delayed, On Hold)**	**Completed**
Key Outcomes	Ongoing communication and collaboration strengthened engagement and alignment with HSJCC priorities. Committee meetings and Lunch and Learns PowerPoint presentation slides and recordings were circulated to members. Increased access to reliable and current information and analysis of human services and justice issues as demonstrated by the member evaluation and Lunch and Learn evaluations. Provide a virtual forum for information sharing through discussions at committee meetings.
Budget Used by March 31, 2026	**See attached Financial Report**

General Information for Activity VI.	
Description	**Education:** Provide educational opportunities for the cross sectoral membership on relevant topics relating to mental health, substance use, equity and anti-racism, criminal justice, service providers, people with lived experience, families, and communities of interest.
Objectives and Key Deliverables	**Objectives:** 2-3 Lunch and Learns on topics directed by members input.

	Facilitate an anti-racism educational session in collaboration with the Toronto Regional HSJCC, focusing on the equity impacts of social determinants of health and how they manifest in the work of the Scarborough Local HSJCC. Collate and review Lunch and Learn evaluations. Circulate at least three resources (e.g., slide decks) from other Local HSJCC Lunch and Learn sessions. Achieve attendance of 20-25 participants attend Lunch and Learn series. **Key Deliverables:** Increase knowledge and awareness about client-centred best practices and trends related to people who come in contact with the justice system. Increase knowledge and awareness about mental health and substance use and how they relate to equity, anti-racism and the social determinants of health, housing status, poverty, social isolation, family breakdown etc. Strengthen awareness of the impacts of stigma and racism for individuals involved in the justice system, and work to address these through education.
Budget Allocated (As of April 1, 2025)	**See attached Financial Report**
Status Update as of March 31, 2026 **(Completed, Delayed, On Hold)**	**Completed**
Key Outcomes	The Toronto Regional HSJCC established an Anti-Racism Ad Hoc Group to address anti-racism within the HSJCC mandate, working collaboratively across Local HSJCCs to implement related initiatives. Activities of the Anti-Racism Ad Hoc Group are regularly reported to both Local and Regional HSJCC committees. This year, the S-HSJCC collaborated with the Anti-Racism Ad Hoc Group to plan, implement, and lead two Lunch and Learn sessions aligned with member-identified interests. Educational sessions led by the S-HSJCC enhanced knowledge of equity and justice-related issues. Evaluation results demonstrated high levels of satisfaction and engagement among participants. Of the two planned Lunch and Learn sessions, one was delivered, and the second has been rescheduled

	The session led by the S -HSJCC was: Sentencing & Parole Project" Transforming the Sentencing Rehabilitative Landscape for Black, Racialized Defendants?" Educational sessions improved knowledge of equity and justice issues. A total of 69 participants attended, with 233 registrations for the virtual Lunch and Learn sessions, indicating strong interest and reach.
Budget Used by March 31, 2026	**See attached Financial Report**

General Information for Activity VII.	
Description	**Monitor the performance of the Committee:** Collect, analyze, monitor and share data and information to continuously improve the systems' ability to meet the needs of its target population.
Objectives and Key Deliverables	**Objectives:** 6- 12 members attend committee meetings. Foster openness about different perspectives through discussion as well as recognizing and incorporating evaluation/ research and evidence-based practices to inform decision making. Analyze identified issues and respond appropriately. 2 PowerPoint presentations shared among members. 1 research paper shared among members. **Key Deliverables:** Increased access to reliable and current information and analysis of human services and justice issues. Provide a forum for data and information sharing through educational presentations.

Budget Allocated (As of April 1, 2025)	**See attached Financial Report**
Status Update as of March 31, 2026 **(Completed, Delayed, On Hold)**	**Completed**
Key Outcomes	Increased access to reliable and current information and analysis of human services and justice issues as demonstrated by the member evaluation and Lunch and Learn feedback. The committee provided a consistent virtual forum for knowledge and information sharing through discussions at committee meetings. Continuous evaluation processes and membership confirmation contributed to improved service coordination and overall system performance. A Total of approximately 240 local HSJCC members received the information through circulation and/or posting on the HSJCC website. Continuous evaluation supported improved service coordination and system performance. Evaluation results reflected strong satisfaction, with 100% of respondents rating meeting topics as above average to excellent.
Budget Used by March 31, 2026	**See attached Financial Report**