

Essex County Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee (HSJCC)

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Purpose

The Essex County Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee (HSJCC) has been established to monitor and address the specialized needs of individuals with serious and persistent mental illness who have become involved in the criminal justice system.

Membership

The Committee will be comprised of individuals from the mental health and justice systems including representation from the Crown's Office, corrections, judges, lawyers, police, mental health professionals and other interested community members. Membership may also include consumers and/or their family members.

Objectives

1. The Committee will improve communications and information sharing between the mental health and criminal justice systems, and wider community.
2. The Committee will identify and address the members training and education needs.
3. The Committee will identify and address the needs of individuals experiencing serious mental illness (SMI) and who have become involved in the criminal justice system.
4. The Committee will identify wider service/system issues and initiate improvements within the mental health and criminal justice systems

Frequency of Meetings

A minimum of 4 meetings shall be held annually at mutually agreeable dates and times.

Quorum

A quorum will be a simple majority of members present for any meeting.

Chair/Co-Chairs

The term of chair and/or co-chairs will be one year, with selection of a new Chair or co-chairs to take place at first meeting in or after August of each year.