



Provincial Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee Updates

Updates form Regional Committees, Ministry Reps and Other Committee Members

Meeting Date: January 16, 2013

Regional HSJCC Updates:

HSJCC	Information Shared	Action & Person Responsible
Central South Regional HSJCC Terry McGurk Dennis DeSalvo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	
Champlain Regional HSJCC Joan Dervin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rob Moore and Marcia Gibson presented on the Service Collaborative initiative. • Planning in progress to move forward with establishing the Youth Justice Service Collaborative in Champlain • Five committee members are attending Systems Improvement Through Service Collaboratives Knowledge Exchange Event in February. • Education sub-committee is very active in planning and providing education to our partners. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ First presentation by Dr. Helen Ward on the Ontario Review Board. ○ Plans in progress for a Knowledge Exchange Forum probably in April or May. • Release from Custody Sub-Committee reinvigorated. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Red Bag program going well. 	
Durham Regional HSJCC Rob Adams Phil Lillie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On March 7, Durham Regional HSJCC will be hosting a 1-day conference. 	

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Haliburton/ Kawartha Lakes/ Pine Ridge Regional HSJCC Mark Graham Martina Piccinin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional conference is scheduled for March 21 in Lindsay. Theme: "Making Connections: Crime, Mental Health and Addictions". Student project on Court Diversion (U-links): Regional HSJCC is supporting a project run in the Four Counties to understand the impact that mental health court diversion programs have on clients Property pick-up: as of September 28, 2012 situations of those individuals who weren't able to access property upon release from CECC are being tracked. A report will be put together by the leads of this project after a substantial period of time and presented to the Regional committee for further action Completed a very successful crisis intervention training (CIT) session in late November 2012 with 20 participants involving Four County Crisis staff, OPP officers, City of Kawartha Lakes Police officers and Peterborough-Lakefield Police Services officers. On behalf of all four local HSJCC's, the Regional HKPR HSJCC wants to express their gratitude and support for the \$28,000 local contribution for the local HSJCC committees \$7,000 per 4 locals. 	
Halton Regional HSJCC Lloyd Bowers Rhonda Frank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our new Community Treatment Court continues to progress. It now operates for half a day every two weeks. We are looking at ways revising processes in the interest of accommodating more clients. Discussions have begun to create a Drug Treatment Court. The Crown who spearheaded this initiative has since moved on and this has stalled the momentum. The need is still there and it is hoped that the work will begin again so that clients with substance issues can access this specialized court. Agencies in the Halton region will be collaborating to create a common Crisis Plan. The goal would be for one Crisis Plan to be used and shared by all agencies involved in a client's treatment and care. The FASD committee is being supported by Halton's HSJCC. It is working towards creating awareness and services for people with FASD in the Halton region. 	
North East Regional HSJCC Sandie Leith Trevor Tymchuk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was a joint meeting of the regional and local HSJCC's on November 20, held by videoconference. It was the first time we've tried to bring together all the committees, as a way to meet each other and learn about what each committee has been involved with. We were pleased to have the CEO of the North East LHIN attend to show their support for the work of the HSJCC's. We may attempt to have another meeting like this in the fall. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The devolution of the Northern Shores HSJCC into three separate committees, one for each District - Parry Sound, Nipissing, and Temiskaming, is a work in progress. The people involved with the old committee were quite happy that the provincial HSJCC agreed with the plan, and are in the process of recruiting members for the new committees. There was a lively discussion at the Algoma District HSJCC, regarding the laying of charges for minor offenses in the hospital. The new Crown handling the Community Court in Sault Ste Marie was unsure of the reason for charging people for offenses of a nature that would not bring charges if they occurred in any other setting. The Crown, in essence, wanted to know what the purpose was, when it was clear that there would be no penalty. The consensus of front line workers, among others, was that it was a matter of setting boundaries with patients, and that if they crossed that line, despite warnings, that they had no choice but to call police and charge them, otherwise the behaviour would continue, or even escalate. Some also felt that simply having the police involved and a charge being laid and pursued, has value as a deterrent, even if there are no judicial sanctions. In the discussion, it was also learned that the summary that the Crown receives usually simply states the offense that brought the charge, but that there was rarely anything that indicated that the offending behaviour was part of a pattern. The Crown has suggested that when charges are laid, that hospital staff should ensure that the Crown receives written reports from hospital staff that detail the behaviour issues that took place prior to the behaviour that resulted in the charge. At the December 2012 meeting of the Regional HSJCC, Sandie Leith ended her term as co-chair, after having chaired the committee since its' inception. The regional committee wishes her the best as she begins her term as Provincial co-chair. Currently the regional co-chair position is vacant. 	
North West Regional HSJCC Liisa Leskowski	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Since the last Provincial HSJCC meeting in November the Northwest Regional Committee met only once in December. The committee debriefed the regional forum which was held in Kenora in November. There was concensus that the mental health court session and the Risk assessment training was excellent. At the forum there was discussion on how to improve communication between the committees. It was suggested that an Executive Committee made up of chairs of both district committees meet monthly with the regional committee meeting on the alternate months. These changes will be implemented upon approval at the January meeting. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was also agreed that HSJCC members would be subsidized to attend “Building Bridges” , a local mental health and addictions conference being held at the end of February. 	
Peel Regional HSJCC Courtenay McGlashen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	
Simcoe-Muskoka Regional HSJCC Michael Dunn Geoff Reekie Judy Alton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	
South East Regional HSJCC Vicky Huehn Rob McDonnell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	
South West Regional HSJCC Heather Callender	<p>As of March 2012, our region has implemented a proposal/initiative based funding model for the funds received from the HSJCC. As the year progresses we have supported many funded and non-funded initiatives. The following items are some of the highlighted initiatives that the funds from the HSJCC funding to support training, networking and ‘change’ for our region.</p> <p>Training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our region has completed OPP/MH training in the Huron/Perth and Oxford locals and will be completing in the Lambton/Kent area in the coming months. London had a guest speaker from Stonehenge that presented to an audience of Human Services workers from Correctional Services Canada, St. Leonard’s London, Dale Brain Injury, EMDC, CMHA and other agencies on the impact of trauma and substances when working in Corrections – this event will have a second training session in the coming months. Elgin has completed a lunch’n’learn training session on FASD and is preparing for their next one on ABI in their courthouse. These lunch’n’learns are attended by Crown Attorneys, Judges, Mental Health workers, Defence Attorney’s and other social service workers in that region. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Sarnia, Dr. Donald from Bluewater Methadone Clinic presented an inservice to the local meeting. This discussion created a situation to enhance the advocating with Chatham Jail and brought attention to the way methadone is provided in our correctional facility. • 5 of the regional staff members from varying agencies attended The International Institute on Special Needs Offenders and Policy Research (Canada) <p>Research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grey Bruce has been working on research with Surrey Place with respect to FASD. <p>Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The “poverty project” in Elgin county is moving forward and a kick off is planned for our community in March – this will include education service providers, funders and the public. The circles program will work with 20 families a year to end the poverty cycle and thus reduce negative interactions with the law. Poverty has been directly linked to criminality. <p>Other News:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMHA Grey Bruce has received \$630,000. in supplemental core funding to establish a mobile crisis team. The money has just flowed and we are in the process of hiring 7FTEs. This will serve all of Grey and Bruce counties. • London mental health agencies were awarded 11 FTE equivalents for transitional case managers to assist with the diversion from hospitals and incarceration. 	
<p>Toronto Regional HSJCC Steve Lurie</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Toronto Regional locals have been meeting regularly. • Scarborough-HSJCC had a successful symposium on November 8· 2012. The topic was “Emerging Issues In Our Aging Population: A Discussion of Legal and Mental Health Issues Affecting Our Clients” The guest speaker was Patricia Fleishmann, Toronto Police Services, Divisional Policing Support Unit specializing in Vulnerable Persons Issues. Although, the symposium attendees were mainly form Scarborough HSJCC, members from other Toronto HSJCC 	

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	<p>locals were invited.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The symposium slide decks will be uploaded to the provincial website. West Toronto HSJSS had a very successful Munch and Learn on January 9, 2013 at the Metro West Courts. Greg Rogers, Executive Director of John Howard Society spoke about the South Etobicoke Reintegration Centre. Locals membership is increasing, mainly from the Toronto Police Service, Corrections and Judiciary. Locals started to develop the workplan for 2013-2014 	
<p>Waterloo-Wellington Regional HSJCC Sharon Deally-Grzybowski</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Guelph HSJCC, in collaboration with the Regional HSJCC, The Canadian Mental Health Association Grand River Branch and Trellis MH and Developmental Services have produced a Guelph-Wellington specific version of the “Mental Health, the Justice System, and You: understanding the process, and the people that can help” booklet. The template from the Kitchener-Waterloo version of the justice booklet was used. Both booklets have been well received by MH and Justice Organizations, Agencies, and the community of Waterloo-Wellington. In January 7, 2013, the Guelph DTC will be seeing their first approved participant. The hope is to eventually have a roster of 4 – 6 participants at any one time. They have engaged 2 professors at the U of Guelph to evaluate the program. The Regional and Kitchener HSJCC continues to support the work of the Geriatric Committee that developed as a result of the steady increase in geriatric cases in the Criminal Justice System. The Cambridge HSJCC is in discussions with Kitchener HSJCC to amalgamate in one Waterloo Region local HSJCC given that in April 2013 the Cambridge Court will be joining the Kitchener-Waterloo court in the new Court building now completed on Frederick St, Kitchener. 	
<p>York/South Simcoe Regional HSJCC Carolyn Donaldson Renée Rerup</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No update to report. 	

Ministry Updates:

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Corrections Canada Jennifer Gravelle	•	
Ministry of Children and Youth Services Brian Smegal	•	
Ministry of Community and Social Services Reshmi Majumder	•	
Ministry of Community Safety and Corrections Sue Khowessah Marie Fitzgerald	•	
Ministry of Health and Long Term Care Chris Higgins Sheri Weisberg	•	
Ministry of the Attorney General Maura Jette	•	

Updates from Other Committee Members:

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Canadian Mental Health Association Ontario Uppala Chandrasekera Kelly Downs Michelle Gold	• No update to report.	

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Community Networks of Specialized Care Marnie McDermott	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Provincial Dual Diagnosis Justice Rounds meets every month via videoconferencing • The Dual Diagnosis Justice Case Management Service Enhancement Program in Ontario final report was completed in May 2012 • The Executive Summary for the above report was completed in November 2012 • A smaller working group is going over the Executive Summary and prioritizing the recommendations and developing a work plan for completing the next steps 	
Connex Ontario Brad Davey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	
Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police John Pare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	
Ontario Provincial Police Judy Alton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	