



Provincial Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee Quarterly Newsletter October 2012

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Provincial HSJCC News 

Provincial HSJCC Co-Chairs Update

Please note that this message has been updated and corrected since the release of the PHSJCC Quarterly Newsletter on October 31, 2012. We apologize for the inconvenience.

The past few months have been extremely busy for the Provincial HSJCC and our Steering Committee. Following the decision made at the May 14, 2012 Provincial HSJCC meeting to restructure the Provincial committee, we engaged in a series of meetings, consultations, applications and inquiries, all toward the goal of enhancing the effectiveness of the Provincial HSJCC as well as creating a Secretariat that can provide resources and support to help improve the coordination of services to our clients across the province. The preliminary results of these efforts were presented at our PHSJCC meeting on September 20, 2012, and resulted in a lively discussion over the course of more than five hours. The Regional HSJCC representatives provided thoughtful evaluations, suggestions, and alternatives to the documents that were presented.

So what has been accomplished so far?

- We have created a draft of the new terms of reference for the Provincial HSJCC

- We have created a draft organizational structure for the Secretariat
- We are in the process of creating a “Memorandum of Understanding” to continue and expand our partnership with CMHA Ontario
- A letter has been sent to senior government officials, requesting funds to support the work of the Secretariat

Over the summer months, we received funding from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) to support previously un-funded Local HSJCCs in the Champlain region and the Haliburton-Kawartha-Pine Ridge region, including Renfrew County Local HSJCC, Stormont/Dundas/Glengarry Local HSJCC, Haliburton Highlands Local HSJCC, City of Kawartha Lakes Local HSJCC, Northumberland Local HSJCC and Peterborough Local HSJCC. We want to thank MOHLTC for their continued support of the work of the HSJCC Network.

In addition, we applied for and received a grant through the Evidence Exchange Network (EENet) for the amount of \$4,500 to establish a Community of Interest (CoI) for the HSJCC Network. The main goal of the HSJCC CoI is to increase awareness about the issues relevant for individuals with human services and justice needs and share knowledge, information, resources, promising and best practices across the criminal justice, mental health, addictions and human services sectors. In addition, the HSJCC CoI will support the uptake of evidence in policy, practice and decision-making through the entire HSJCC Network. These funds will allow us to provide two webinars: one based on the *HSJCC Info Guide: Strategies for Community Service Providers for Engaging in Communication with Correctional Facilities in Ontario* and the second on an Info Guide currently being developed to assist police services and hospitals in the creation of protocols that reduce wait times for police in the emergency rooms. We will also be able to enhance some of the features of the HSJCC website.

Most of this work would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of Uppala Chandrasekera and Kelly Downs of CMHA Ontario. Many thanks to them, and to the Steering Committee as we continue to work on the funding and implementation of the new PHSJCC Secretariat.

If you are interested in learning more about these initiatives, please contact the Provincial HSJCC Co-Chairs at katie.almond@ontario.ca and vhuehn@fcmhs.ca

Regards,

Katie Almond
Vicky Huehn
PHSJCC Co-Chairs

 **Update from the Communications and Knowledge Transfer Committee (CKT) Chair**

The Communications and Knowledge Transfer Committee now has its' own email address - CKT_Committee@hsjcc.on.ca - and we're sending this newsletter from that address. We only have a partial mailing list right now for the HSJCC network, so some of you have had this forwarded by regional and local committee chairs. Work continues on setting up the membership database, and when it's finally up and running, everyone will receive it directly from us.

We're also looking for suggestions for improving the HSJCC website - <http://www.hsjcc.on.ca/> . There will be a redesign of the site soon, so any ideas are welcome.

Finally, if you'd like to contribute to the newsletter and website, just send articles, events, links, etc., to us. If you'd like to join the CKT Committee, we meet about once a month by teleconference, and are looking for new members.

Trevor Tymchuk
Chair
Communications and Knowledge Transfer Committee

 **Cochrane District HSJCC letter to the Ministry of Community and Social Services (MCSS). October 15, 2012.**

A letter from the CDHSJCC to the Honourable John Milloy regarding the elimination of the Community Start Up and Maintenance Benefit (CSUMB) within Ontario Works or ODSP.

<http://www.hsjcc.on.ca/Uploads/CDHSJCC%20letter%20to%20MCSS%20re%20OW%20and%20ODSP.pdf>

News Media

 **Prison self-injury on the rise in Canada – Biggest spike among aboriginal women offenders. CBC News. October 11, 2012.**

Incidents of federal prisoners slashing, burning, banging their heads and choking themselves behind bars have more than tripled in the last five years. Figures obtained by CBC News Network's *Power & Politics* under Access to Information show a dramatic rise in cases of self-inflicted injuries and suicide attempts — and reveals the biggest spikes in regions where overcrowding, violence and gang proliferation are most acute.

[http://www.hsjcc.on.ca/Uploads/12-10-11%20Prisoner%20self-injury%20on%20the%20rise%20in%20Canada%20\(CBC%20News\).pdf](http://www.hsjcc.on.ca/Uploads/12-10-11%20Prisoner%20self-injury%20on%20the%20rise%20in%20Canada%20(CBC%20News).pdf)

 **Elgin Middlesex Detention Centre gets 24 nursing. London Free Press. September 19, 2012.**

In the wake of two inquests and growing media attention, the province is implementing 24-hour nursing at the Elgin-Middlesex Detention Centre.

[http://www.hsjcc.on.ca/Uploads/12-09-19%20Elgin%20Middlesex%20Detention%20Centre%20getting%2024%20hr%20nursing%20\(London%20Free%20Press\).pdf](http://www.hsjcc.on.ca/Uploads/12-09-19%20Elgin%20Middlesex%20Detention%20Centre%20getting%2024%20hr%20nursing%20(London%20Free%20Press).pdf)

 **Failing the mentally ill. Ottawa Citizen. September 22, 2012.**

While federal Public Safety Minister Vic Toews was vowing to crack down on prison pizza parties this week, psychiatrists from the Royal Ottawa Hospital were talking about the real scandal in Canada's jails and prisons – the lack of adequate mental health treatment, especially for women.

[http://www.hsjcc.on.ca/Uploads/12-09-24%20Failing%20the%20mentally%20ill%20\(Ottawa%20Citizen\).pdf](http://www.hsjcc.on.ca/Uploads/12-09-24%20Failing%20the%20mentally%20ill%20(Ottawa%20Citizen).pdf)

 **New mental health care model takes effect October 1 in Sudbury. Northern Life. September 25, 2012.**

A new mental health care model that will help patients receive the care they need while allowing police officers to concentrate on their duties will be unveiled this week, according to a news release from Sudbury MPP Rick Bartolucci.

The new model, which will be available seven days a week beginning Oct. 1, will enhance the existing mental health services located at 127 Cedar St. by offering more staff, longer hours of operation and a mobile unit that will travel to people's homes seven days a week. In addition to the increasing access to mental health services for people living in Sudbury, it is designed to decrease the amount of time police officers spend waiting with individuals in the hospital's emergency department.

<http://www.hsjcc.on.ca/Uploads/New%20mental%20health%20care%20model%20takes%20effect%20Oct.%201%20in%20Sudbury.pdf>

Journal Articles, Research and Presentations

 **Opening eyes, opening minds: The Ontario burden of mental illness and addictions report. Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES) & Public Health Ontario (PHO). October 2012.**

The Ontario Burden of Mental Illness and Addictions Report is the most thorough evaluation of the impact of mental illness and addictions on Ontarians to date. A joint project of the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES) and Public Health Ontario (PHO), the study seeks to estimate the relative impact of a wide range of mental illnesses and addictions to inform priority setting, planning and decision-making by those involved in public health and mental health care planning.

[http://www.hsjcc.on.ca/Uploads/Opening-Eyes%20-%20Full%20Report%20\(ICES%20October%202012\).pdf](http://www.hsjcc.on.ca/Uploads/Opening-Eyes%20-%20Full%20Report%20(ICES%20October%202012).pdf)

 **Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading? Canada's treatment of federally-sentenced women with mental health issues. University of Toronto, Faculty of Law, International Human Rights Program. 2012.**

This report is based on a desk review of publicly-accessible government documents, statistics, existing public reports on federally-sentenced women (FSW), domestic and international law, interviews with experts and FSW, and representative cases.

<http://www.hsjcc.on.ca/Uploads/Cruel,%20Inhuman%20and%20Degrading%20Canada%E2%80%99s%20Treatment%20of%20Federally-Sentenced%20Women%20with%20Mental%20Health%20Issues.pdf>

 **The social causes of mental illness and system response. Presentation. International Conference on Special Needs Offenders. August 27-29, 2012.**

Presentation by Dr. Kwame McKenzie, showcased at the International Conference on Special Needs Offenders.

<http://www.hsjcc.on.ca/Uploads/Plenary%20-%20Dr.%20Kwame%20McKenzie.pdf>

 **Risk Markers for Sexual Predation and Victimization in Prison. Presentation. International Conference on Special Needs Offenders. August 27-29, 2012.**

Presentation by Janet Warren, showcased at the International Conference on Special Needs Offenders.

<http://www.hsjcc.on.ca/Uploads/Plenary%20-%20Janet%20Warren.pdf>

 **Youth Justice Services in Ontario: Responding to the Specialized Needs of Youth in Conflict with the Law. Presentation. International Conference on Special Needs Offenders. August 27-29, 2012.**

Presentation by JoAnn Miller-Reid, showcased at the International Conference on Special Needs Offenders.

<http://www.hsjcc.on.ca/Uploads/Plenary%20-%20JoAnn%20Miller%20Reid.pdf>

 **Commission on Women Offenders in Scotland.
Presentation. International Conference on Special Needs
Offenders. August 27-29, 2012.**

Presentation by Dr. Linda de Caestecker, showcased at the International Conference on Special Needs Offenders.
<http://www.hsicc.on.ca/Uploads/Plenary%20-%20Linda%20de%20Caestecker.pdf>

Additional presentations from the International Conference on Special Needs Offenders can be accessed through the link below in the “Links” section.

Events

 **Save the date: South East Ontario Regional Human Services & Justice Coordinating Committee Conference – Practical Approaches for Front-Line Workers. November 15th, 2012.**

This promises to be an interesting, dynamic and energizing day at the Kingston Banquet & Convention Centre with workshops and fantastic Keynote Presentations.
<http://www.hsicc.on.ca/Uploads/Kingston%20Save%20the%20Date.pdf>

 **Save the date: 2013 Provincial Human Services & Justice Coordinating Committee Conference. November 25 -27, 2013. Toronto Marriott Eaton Centre.**

Updates will be posted on the HSJCC website.
<http://www.hsicc.on.ca/Uploads/2013%20HSJCC%20prov%20conference%20-%20Save%20the%20date.pdf>

 **Save the date: 7th Annual Risk and Recovery Conference. April 25 & 26, 2013. Sheraton Hotel, Hamilton.**

This event will feature lectures from experts in the areas of Risk Assessment, Risk Management & Recovery.

<http://www.hsjcc.on.ca/Uploads/Save%20these%20dates%202013.pdf>

Registration also available at
www.riskandrecoveryconference.com

 **Northwestern Ontario Psychosocial Rehabilitation Education Committee 2013 Conference: Recovery in Mental Health: Sharing our Successes! Victoria Inn Thunder Bay ON June 5th and 6th, 2013**

Save the date:

Registration open March 2013

<http://www.hsjcc.on.ca/Uploads/PSR%202013%20save%20the%20date%20Oct%202012.pdf>

Call for Abstracts:

Submission deadline: January 15, 2013

Results notification: February 8, 2013

<http://www.hsjcc.on.ca/Uploads/Call%20for%20Abstracts%20%20PSR%20Conference%202013.pdf>



Links

→ <http://www.hsjcc.on.ca>

→ **The Canadian Harm Reduction Network's** dynamic new website has been launched, and we invite you to check it out at <http://www.canadianharmreduction.com>, to get involved, to give us feedback on the website . . . and to join the Network.

→ Presentations from **International Conference on Special Needs Offenders**
<http://www.specialneedsoffenders.org/Program.html>