



## Provincial Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee Quarterly Newsletter May 2013

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Provincial HSJCC News 

### Provincial HSJCC Co-Chairs Update

It has been an exciting and very busy four months since assuming the co-chair position for the Provincial HSJCC. *Vicky Huehn* has been a fabulous mentor and continues to be a tremendous leader. She definitely left big shoes to fill. It has also been a pleasure to work with *Katie Almond*, co-chair who has shown unbelievable commitment and stamina in the past three months.

Some of the highlights of the work of the committee thus far, in 2013, include hosting two webinars in partnership with EENET: *Communicating with Correctional Facilities in Ontario* and *Strategies for Implementing Effective Police-Emergency Department Protocols in Ontario*. Both were filled to capacity and included large groups of people and classrooms of students. The response was overwhelming and we look forward to future opportunities for knowledge exchange and improving collaboration through the use of webinars.

A large project completed recently was the *Police-ER Info Guide*. The response to the call for information was overwhelming. *Uppala Chandrasekera* (Policy Analyst-CMHA Ontario) with the support of a broad based Advisory Committee completed this project and the document

serves as an excellent guide and resource to police, hospitals, community organizations and government. We were able to respond to a request from Justice on Target regarding bail issues in Ontario. A small group of representatives from the PHSJCC met with the Director and shared the feedback gathered from the HSJCC network.

The CKT committee under the very dedicated leadership of *Trevor Tymchuk* has been able to produce a data base of over 1400 HSJCC contacts and they have been working with *ConnexOntario* to redesign the HSJCC website. In addition, SharePoint has been obtained which will allow increase sharing and collaborating. Trevor works countless hours ensuring that relevant materials, document and articles are uploaded to the website. Much thanks to you Trevor.

The HSJCC *Terms of Reference* was revised and approved by the Provincial Committee on March 19, 2013. The revised terms include an enhanced Steering Committee, identifies a Secretariat function and includes Honorariums for Persons with Lived Experience. They are currently being reviewed by the MOHLTC for final approval. The development of the *Secretariat* has been many months in the making. We are in the process of submitting a proposal to the Inter-Ministerial Mental Health and Justice Director's Group for funding to support the Secretariat and the work of the committee. It has become quite clear that without additional support to the HSJCC we are unable to proceed with a number of projects and priorities identified by the network.

We have renewed our *Memorandum of Understanding* with *CMHA Ontario* and they have increased their commitment to the work of the HSJCC. They have committed to .8 FTE Program Analysts in-kind to be part of the Secretariat and they are now providing the administrative support to the committee. Much thanks to *Kelly Downs* and *Michelle Gold* for their work. *Uppala Chandrasekera*, whose contributions have been outstanding, has completed her work at CMHA and has accepted a position with CAMH as a Justice Service Collaboratives Project Leader. We are thrilled for Uppala but miss her desperately! We look forward to beginning our work with her replacement.

I would like to extend my thanks to all of the members of the HSJCC network—people who work together in their communities to make a better system for our common clients; members of local, regional and Provincial committees that commit their time and energy to the mandate and values of HSJCC; and to the ministry and government representatives that support our work. Collectively we can make great improvements.

**Sandie Leith**

Co-Chair, Provincial HSJCC

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

I'm blushing after reading Sandie's generous praise in the co-chairs message. I'd like to share that praise with Oana Gug, of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, without whom I'd find this job significantly more difficult.

The webinar, Strategies for Implementing Effective Police-Emergency Room Protocols in Ontario, held on March 28, was sold-out. If you missed the presentation, it is now available online at [Adobe Connect](#) and the slides are on [the HSJCC website](#).

We're now looking for suggestions for future webinars. Please contact me if you would like to suggest a topic or speaker. And, as always, please feel free to submit articles for this newsletter and the HSJCC website. Fingers crossed, our website redesign will be ready by the time you receive the next newsletter.

Remember to circle November 25-27 on your calendar – it's our biennial conference, in Toronto. The conference committee is reviewing the abstracts that have been submitted, and will be making their selections soon. I look forward to being able to send everyone the details once they've been finalized. I appreciate all the responses we received to our email poll about attendance at the conference.

**Trevor Tymchuk**

Chair

Communications and Knowledge Transfer Committee

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** Health Sciences North Crisis Intervention Services Model. Health Sciences North (HSN).**

As of October 1, 2012 the Crisis Intervention Services Program of Health Sciences North (HSN) relocated the majority of its staff from the Emergency Department at the Ramsey Lake Health Centre to the Sudbury Mental Health and Addictions Centre at 127 Cedar Street in downtown Greater Sudbury. The Sudbury Mental Health and Addictions Centre, is HSN's hub of excellence for community-based outpatient mental health.

Our decision to relocate and redistribute our crisis intervention services was supported by the Ontario Ministry of Health via the North East Local Health Integration Network (NE LHIN), in partnership with the Canadian Mental Health Association Sudbury/Manitoulin Branch, Greater Sudbury Police Services (GSPS), Child and Family Services, and the Northern Initiative for Social Action (NISA).

Thomas Smith  
Health Sciences North in Sudbury.

Link to the rest of the article:  
<http://www.hsjcc.on.ca/Uploads/Health%20Sciences%20North%20Crisis%20Intervention%20Services%20Model.pdf>

**News Media**

** Justice spending rising sharply as crime rates fall, budget watchdog warns. The Globe and Mail. March 20, 2013.**

Government spending on courts, prisons and policing has increased significantly in Canada over the past decade, squeezing provincial budgets at a time Canada's crime rate is falling, a report by the Parliamentary Budget Office has found.

<http://hsjcc.on.ca/Uploads/Justice%20spending%20rising%20sharply%20as%20crime%20rates%20fall,%20budget%20watchdog%20warns.pdf>

 **Tessa Bonhomme taking stand against mental illness: Canadian hockey player trying to reach out to youth. CBC. April 4, 2013.**

Tessa Bonhomme knows what it is like to battle on and off the ice. She's won Olympic gold as a member of Team Canada and took top prize in the Battle of the Blades a few years ago. Now you can add fighting mental illness to the list of things she is taking on.

<http://www.hsjcc.on.ca/Uploads/Tessa%20Bonhomme%20taking%20stand%20against%20mental%20illness.pdf>

 **Tories' new law for mentally-ill offenders will increase risk to public: Psychiatric group. The Toronto Star. April 18, 2013.**

The Canadian Psychiatric Association says the Conservative government's new rules for offenders found not criminally responsible will actually increase public risk while being a "substantial drain" on public resources.

<http://hsjcc.on.ca/Uploads/Tories%E2%80%99%20new%20law%20for%20mentally-ill%20offenders%20will%20increase%20risk%20to%20public%20-%20Psychiatric%20group.pdf>

 **Province reviewing how police deal with mentally ill; Burlington man was tasered six times, punched in the face April 13, 2013.**

An internal government review of how police in Ontario interact with the mentally ill has been under way for almost a year, but there's a long way to go before recommendations could be issued for situations such as the one faced by a tasered Burlington patient.

[http://www.hsjcc.on.ca/Uploads/13-04-13%20Province%20reviewing%20how%20police%20deal%20with%20mentally%20ill%20\(Hamilton%20Spectator\).pdf](http://www.hsjcc.on.ca/Uploads/13-04-13%20Province%20reviewing%20how%20police%20deal%20with%20mentally%20ill%20(Hamilton%20Spectator).pdf)

 **Corrections Canada seeks a single provider for prison chaplaincy services. The Globe and Mail. April 9, 2013.**

Corrections Canada is shopping for a new national contractor to manage all federal prison chaplains, six months after Ottawa announced it would stop funding spiritual leaders who were only employed part-time.

<http://hsjcc.on.ca/Uploads/Corrections%20Canada%20seeks%20a%20single%20provider%20for%20prison%20chaplaincy%20services.pdf>

 **Corrections Canada changes rules for medical emergencies after inmate's death. The Globe and Mail. April 11, 2013.**

Corrections Canada has quietly changed its rules for dealing with medical emergencies after an inmate died of an apparent heart attack in a Saskatchewan prison earlier this year.

<http://hsjcc.on.ca/Uploads/Corrections%20Canada%20changes%20rules%20for%20medical%20emergencies%20after%20inmate%E2%80%99s%20death.pdf>

 **Few treatment options for mentally ill female prisoners, Ashley Smith inquest hears. The Canadian Press. April 08, 2013.**

Many female inmates need intensive psychiatric therapy but treatment facilities are in short supply, an inquest into a teen's prison death heard on April 8.

<http://hsjcc.on.ca/Uploads/Corrections%20Canada%20changes%20rules%20for%20medical%20emergencies%20after%20inmate%E2%80%99s%20death.pdf>

 **Thistle town parents buck demands to consign high-needs autistic children to unsuitable group homes. The Toronto Star. March 4, 2013.**

She's seen her autistic, non-verbal son, Mark Petru, tied down in four-point restraints (arm and leg), heavily medicated and fed by a tube.

Talking about it makes Alena Malina's voice shaky. "Just the memory of it ... it makes my blood boil ... it's so upsetting." she says.

It happened when her son was about 13 and he was taken to a psychiatric hospital while authorities tried to find a private group home that could handle Petru, who has outbursts and can be aggressive. Malina's son, now 29, was forced to leave three private group homes before being admitted to Thistletown Regional Centre 12 years ago.

<http://hsjcc.on.ca/Uploads/Thistletown%20parents%20buck%20demands%20to%20consign%20high-needs%20autistic%20children%20to%20unsuitable%20group%20homes.pdf>

 **Marin swamped with parents' complaints about no help for special-needs children. The Toronto Star. March 3, 2013.**

Complaints about the dire shortage of services for young adults with autism and other developmental disabilities have jumped almost eightfold since Ontario's ombudsman launched an investigation in November.

André Marin announced his probe on Nov. 29 after receiving 64 complaints in 2012, up sharply from previous years.

<http://hsjcc.on.ca/Uploads/Marin%20swamped%20with%20parents%E2%80%99%20complaints%20about%20no%20help%20for%20special-needs%20children.pdf>

 **Researchers look at 'techniques' to keep schizophrenia at bay. The New York Times. February 1, 2013.**

Thirty years ago, Elyn R. Saks was given a diagnosis of schizophrenia. Her prognosis was "grave." She would never live independently, hold a job, find a loving partner, get married. Her home would be a board-and-care facility, her days spent watching TV in a day room with other people debilitated by mental illness. After her last psychiatric hospitalization at age 28, she was encouraged by a doctor to work as a cashier making change. If she could handle that, she was told, they would reassess my ability to hold a more demanding position, perhaps even something full time.

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[%E2%80%98techniques%E2%80%99%20to%20keep%20schizophrenia%20at%20bay.pdf](#)

 **B.C. work program finds employment for those with mental health issues. The Globe and Mail. April 09, 2013.**

Lyle Richardson would love full-time work with all its trappings, but says his main career these days is managing his schizo-affective disorder. He does get paying work such as temp jobs, and helps at conferences held by the Canadian Mental Health Association, but most of the 39-year-old's income comes through social-assistance from the province – \$900 a month. He hasn't worked full time since he was diagnosed about 17 years ago when he was a junior executive assistant with a venture capital firm in Vancouver.

<http://hsjcc.on.ca/Uploads/B.C.%20work%20program%20finds%20employment%20for%20those%20with%20mental-health%20issues.pdf>

### **Journal Articles, Research and Presentations**

 **The zealous advocate in the 21<sup>st</sup> century: Concepts and conflicts for the criminal defence lawyer. Thomas Smith. PhD Thesis.**

The criminal defence lawyer is perhaps the most publicly identifiable and controversial figure in the criminal justice system, and is considered by many to represent the cornerstone of adversarial criminal justice. However, there is significant evidence that the context within which criminal defence lawyers operate in England and Wales is rapidly, and fundamentally, changing.

<http://hsjcc.on.ca/Uploads/The%20zealous%20advocate%20in%20the%2021st%20century%20-%20Concepts%20and%20conflicts%20for%20the%20criminal%20defence%20lawyer.pdf>

 **Debate: Does the emphasis on risk in psychiatry serve the interests of patients or the public? Yes. British Medical Journal. February 12, 2013.**

In a biblical failing to understand sensitivity and specificity, King Herod applied demographic factors to kill all male children near Bethlehem, wishing to avoid losing his throne to a newborn king. The Massacre of the Innocents provides a potent example of inadequate predictive value of risk assessment categorisation, with sex and age failing to detect a rare outcome. Likewise, emphasis on risk in psychiatry has gone wrong, and psychiatrists balk at playing Herod.

<http://hsjcc.on.ca/Uploads/Does%20the%20emphasis%20on%20risk%20in%20psychiatry%20serve%20the%20interests%20of%20patients%20or%20the%20public%20Yes.docx.pdf>

 **Debate: Does the emphasis on risk in psychiatry serve the interests of patients or the public? No British Medical Journal. February 12, 2013.**

The emphasis on risk in mental health has been growing over the past 30 years. Thousands of papers about risk assessment have been published, and each year brings a crop of new methods with their associated acronyms. Risk assessment is now central to decisions about the admission and discharge of people to and from psychiatric hospitals and involuntary community care. However, I believe that efforts to anticipate future harms such as suicide and violence are flawed and should be replaced by a greater consideration of people's wishes, capacities, and best interests.

<http://hsjcc.on.ca/Uploads/Does%20the%20emphasis%20on%20risk%20in%20psychiatry%20serve%20the%20interests%20of%20patients%20or%20the%20public%20No.pdf>

 **Substance use treatment counselors' attitudes toward evidence-based practice. Substance Use and Misuse. Vol. 48. April 2013.**

This study addresses individual and organizational correlates of substance user treatment counselors' attitudes toward evidence-based practice. Counselors (n = 293) from a probability sample of outpatient treatment organizations in a northeastern US state were surveyed in 2008. Multilevel [hierarchical linear model (HLM)] models address the nested sample. Attitudes toward evidence-based practice were measured with the Evidence-Based

Practice Attitude Scale (Aarons). Study limitations and implications for the implementation of evidence-based practices in routine substance user treatment organizations are addressed.

<http://hsjcc.on.ca/Uploads/Substance%20Use%20Treatment%20Counselors%E2%80%99%20Attitudes%20Toward%20Evidence-Based%20Practice.pdf>

 **Trends in newspaper coverage of mental illness in Canada 2005 – 2010. Canadian Journal of Psychiatry. Vol. 58. February 2013.**

Much research suggests that the general public relies on the popular media as a primary source of information about mental illness. We assessed the broad content of articles relating to mental illness in major Canadian newspapers over a 6-year period. We also sought to assess if such content has changed over time.

<http://hsjcc.on.ca/Uploads/Trends%20in%20newspaper%20coverage%20of%20mental%20illness%20in%20Canada%20-%202005-2010.pdf>

 **An assessment of the Children's Court of Western Australia: part of a national assessment of Australia's children's courts**, M Clare, et al., University of Western Australia, Perth, 2011 (WA)

This research examines the status and challenges faced by the Children's Courts of WA in both child welfare and criminal jurisdictions, and the viability of possible reforms. Twelve unstructured interviews were conducted with key professionals working within the sector as well as consultation with 12 Judicial Officers and 62 key stakeholders. Findings highlight the over-representation of Aboriginal children, young people, families and communities; an absence of appropriate services and programs for children and families; a lack of integrated approaches to practices within the Department of Child Protection, Youth Justice and the WA Police; negative impact of current proceduralised practice and decision-making processes; and the need to develop agency-specific professional development and interagency training.

 **The roles of antisocial history and emerging adulthood developmental adaptation in predicting adult antisocial behaviour. Aggressive Behavior. March-April 2013.**

Different trajectories of antisocial behavior in childhood and adolescence have been identified by several researchers. However, more needs to be known about the development of antisocial behavior in adulthood and about factors that account for continuity and change. In this study, the developmental course into adulthood of different trajectories of antisocial behavior in childhood and adolescence is investigated. Second, we examined the role of developmental adaptation in emerging adulthood in accounting for the continuity and change of antisocial behavior.

<http://hsjcc.on.ca/Uploads/The%20Roles%20of%20Antisocial%20History%20and%20Emerging%20Adulthood%20Developmental%20Adaptation%20in%20Predicting%20Adult%20Antisocial%20Behavior.pdf>

 **Is relational aggression part of the externalizing spectrum? A bifactor model of youth antisocial behavior. Aggressive Behavior. March-April 2013.**

The primary purpose of the present study was to examine support for the inclusion of relational aggression (RAgg) alongside physical aggression (Agg) and rule-breaking behaviors (RB) as a subfactor of antisocial behavior (ASB).

<http://hsjcc.on.ca/Uploads/Is%20Relational%20Aggression%20Part%20of%20the%20Externalizing%20Spectrum.pdf>

 **Impulsive and episodic disorders of aggressive behaviour following traumatic brain injury. Brain Injury. Vol. 27. 2013.**

Aggressive behaviour is a frequent legacy of traumatic brain injury (TBI) and a major obstacle to psychosocial recovery. Aggression can take many forms and there is currently no uniform method of assessment that distinguishes aggressive sub-types in a way that can assist decisions for treatment.

<http://hsjcc.on.ca/Uploads/Impulsive%20and%20episodic%20disorders%20of%20aggressive%20behaviour%20following%20traumatic%20brain%20injury.pdf>

 **Nicked: Drug users' views on drug enforcement.**  
**Journal of Substance Use. February 2013.**

Most countries drug strategies comprise a combination of drug treatment, drug enforcement, and drug prevention. While there has been a tendency in public policy documents over the last few years to emphasize the importance of basing policy on evidence of need and impact, in fact, the evidential basis across these three domains is highly skewed with most evidence being focused on drug treatment, some evidence focused on drug prevention, and relatively little evidence focused specifically on the impact of drug law enforcement.

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## Events

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

<http://www.hsjcc.on.ca/Uploads/Call%20for%20Abstracts%20JAN26.pdf>

 **Health and Wellbeing in Developmental Disabilities. November 12-13, 2013. Delta Chelsea Hotel, Toronto, Ontario.**

This two-day conference will engage health care providers and students from a variety of disciplines in professional knowledge transfer and discussion in order to improve the health and wellbeing across the life span for persons with a developmental disability. For more information:

<http://www.healthandwellbeingindd.ca/http://www.hsjcc.on.ca/Uploads/Call%20for%20Abstracts%20JAN26.pdf>

**📣 Child and Youth Mental Health Conference. Friday, May 24 2013. Royal Ontario Mental Health Centre, Ottawa, Ontario.**

This conference will be of interest to mental health professionals in the community, hospitals, mental health agencies, and the education sector.

Brought to you by the Child and Youth Specialized Psychiatric Mental Health Services (CY-SPMHS) at The Royal and CHEO

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[Event Website](#)

**📣 Forensic and Clinical Applications of the Hare Psychopathy Checklist-Revised. PCL-R training and a special event celebrating 30 years of Psychopathy Research in Penetanguishene. June 19-21, 2013. Best Western Highland Inn, Midland, Ontario.**

Presented by: Robert D. Hare, Ph.D. Emeritus Professor of Psychology at UBC and Adelle Forth, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Psychology at Carleton University

For further information and updates visit

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**See Brochure:** <http://www.hsicc.on.ca/Uploads/PCL-R%20Training%20and%20Celebration%20Brochure%20June%202013.pdf>

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**📣 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>



## Links

→ <http://www.hsjcc.on.ca>

→ Presentations from **International Conference on Special Needs Offenders**

<http://www.specialneedsoffenders.org/Program.html>