

PROJECT CHARTER

A project of the Provincial Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee

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| Project Name: Police/Mental Health Collaboration Brief |
| Version: April 30, 2010 |

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| 1. Project Goal | |
| To critically review police/mental health collaborations | |
| 2. Deliverables | |
| Develop a brief that critically reviews police/mental health collaborations, highlighting what we know about such collaborations and outstanding issues that the Provincial HSJCC may wish to address | |
| 3. Intended Audiences | |
| Primary audience: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provincial HSJCC | Potential secondary audience: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local and Regional HSJCCs Provincial policy makers, Municipal decision makers Human services and justice sectors Mental health providers and police services |
| 4. Key Questions/Issues to Be Addressed | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What legislation and policies impact police/mental health collaboration? What types of police/mental health collaboration initiatives currently exist in Ontario? What are the issues related to police/mental health initiatives? | |
| 5. Opportunities | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CMHA Peel & Peel HSJCC are developing a literature review on best practices for police/mental health crisis teams (review of literature from Canada, USA, UK) Opportunity for Provincial HSJCC to develop a follow-up position paper on police/mental health collaboration Possibility of linking with the existing projects at Ministry of Attorney General Possibility of linking with existing projects at Mental Health Commission of Canada | |
| 6. Timelines | Date |
| Communiqué sent by Provincial HSJCC to Regional and Local HSJCCs regarding the initiation of the police/mental health project, including topic selection process and Advisory Committee membership | January |
| First meeting with Police/Mental Health Project Advisory Committee | February |
| Project goal revised by Provincial HSJCC | April |
| Identify key issues related to police/mental health collaboration with Advisory Committee | April |
| Finalize outline for brief | April- Early May |
| Information gathering, key informant interviews, research and writing | May-June |

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| Draft of brief sent to Advisory Committee for feedback | July |
| Gather feedback from Advisory Committee and finalize brief | August |
| Present final brief to Provincial HSJCC, Provincial HSJCC prepare communication plan for utilization of brief | September 30 |
| Implement communication plan | October |

7. Roles & Responsibilities of Police/Mental Health Project Advisory Committee

| Name | Role |
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| Chris Higgins, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care | Represent perspective of MOHLTC and provide relevant information |
| Curt Flanagan/Michael Feindel Ministry of Attorney General | Represent perspective of MAG and provide relevant information |
| Ian Peer, Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police | Represent perspective of OACP and provide relevant information |
| Judy Alton, Ontario Provincial Police | Represent perspective of OPP and provide relevant information |
| Lisa Cameron/Vicky Huehn, Provincial HSJCC | Represent perspective of Provincial HSJCC and liaise between HSJCC, MAG, MCSC, OACP & OPP |
| Ron Hoffman, Ontario Police College | Represent perspective of Ontario Police College and provide relevant information |
| Sharon Deally-Grzybowski, Waterloo-Wellington Regional HSJCC | Represent perspective of Regional HSJCCs and provide relevant information |
| Uppala Chandrasekera, CMHA Ontario | Coordinate project, gather information, write brief |

8. Assumptions and/or Dependencies

- Advisory Committee is able to provide direction to develop brief
- Advisory Committee is able to share relevant information, research and resources, and identify key informants to be contacted
- Information is received in a timely manner
- Advisory Committee is available for teleconferences as needed

9. Resources to be Reviewed at Initiation of Project

- Key informant interviews with OACP, OPP, MAG, MCSC, MOHLTC, Police College and additional informants from the field
- CACP – Contemporary Policing Guidelines for Working with the Mental Health System
- Service Enhancement Evaluation Initiative (all relevant studies that involve mentally disordered offenders)
- Canadian Police/Mental Health Liaison website
- Law Commission of Ontario & Public Safety Canada – Toward an Integrated Network: Working Together to Avoid Criminalization of People with Mental Health Problems
- University of Western Ontario & Lawson Health Research Institute – Best practices in four cities in Southwestern Ontario: the interface between people with mental illness and the criminal justice system
- USA Justice Centre – Improving Response to People with Mental Illnesses

| 10. Project Verification Process | |
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| Discussion with Provincial HSJCC Discussed at Provincial HSJCC meeting on January 28, 2010 | Date January 28, 2010 |
| Confirmed by Provincial HSJCC Co-chairs Confirmed at Provincial HSJCC meeting on January 28, 2010 | Date January 28, 2010 |
| Discussion with Police/Mental Health Advisory Committee Discussed at Advisory Committee meeting on February 17, 2010; Revisions needed | Date February 17, 2010 |
| Discussion with Provincial HSJCC Second discussion at Provincial HSJCC meeting on April 1, 2010; Project Charter to be revised and discussed with Advisory Committee | Date April 1, 2010 |
| Discussion with Police/Mental Health Advisory Committee Revised Project Charter discussed at Advisory Committee meeting on April 19, 2010; Minor revisions needed | Date April 19, 2010 |
| Confirmed by Police/Mental Health Advisory Committee Project Charter confirmed with Advisory Committee by email on April 30, 2010 | Date April 30, 2010 |