

HSJCC NETWORK:

COLLABORATIVE JUSTICE SYSTEM ADVOCACY

ABOUT THE HSJCC NETWORK

The Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee (HSJCC) Network was established in response to a recognized need in Ontario to co-ordinate resources and services and to plan more effectively for people with clinical needs who have come into contact with the criminal justice system.

Priority consideration is made for, but not limited to, people with a serious mental illness, developmental disability, acquired brain injury, drug and alcohol addiction, and/or fetal alcohol spectrum disorder.

STRUCTURE

The HSJCC Network is made up of committees at the local, regional and provincial levels. HSJCCs are a co-operative effort among health and social service organizations, community mental health and addictions organizations, justice sector partners, and the Ministries of the Attorney General; Children, Community and Social Services; Health; and the Solicitor General.

There are 14 regional HSJCCs working to improve issues that impact clients regionally. Over 30 local HSJCCs co-ordinate care for justice-involved individuals in their communities, provide education and training for their members and input to regional committees.

The Provincial HSJCC functions as a planning body, supporting the efforts of the local and regional HSJCCs. It identifies and addresses provincial policy and service issues, makes recommendations and identifies system-level solutions.

The HSJCC Secretariat, staffed by Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA), Ontario Division, is responsible for implementing the objectives and workplan of the Provincial HSJCC and maintaining the HSJCC Network infrastructure.

PROVINCIAL MEMBERSHIP

The Provincial HSJCC has representation from the 14 regions and the aforementioned provincial ministries. Other partner organizations include:

- CMHA Ontario
- Community Networks of Specialized Care
- Connex Ontario
- Legal Aid Ontario
- Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police
- Ontario Provincial Police
- Forensic Directors Group
- Centre for Addiction and Mental Health
- Justice for Children and Youth
- John Howard Society of Ontario



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KENORA RAINY RIVER DISTRICT HUMAN SERVICES & JUSTICE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

The Court Programs are provided with advice and support through the Kenora Rainy River District Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee (KRRDHSJCC). The KRRDHSJCC is one of many feeding into regional and provincial systems. Minutes and a detailed workplan can be found at www.hsjcc.on.ca.

Projects of KRRDHSJCC include:

- Developing a sub-committee connected to the Northwest Centre of Responsibility to review, identify and advise on supportive and affordable housing builds within the Kenora Rainy River District
- Launching the Mental Health & Justice Rent Supplement Housing case manager position with Kenora through CMHA Kenora
- Launching the Transitional Justice Unit for those being release from custody in partnership with the Kenora District Services Board and CMHA Kenora
- Reviewing joint protocols in place within the Kenora Rainy River District to address attendance issues of youth
- Discussing the development of a Youth Education Outreach Team embedded with the Ontario Provincial Police to address attendance issues of youth
- Ongoing dissemination and updating of navigation maps for individuals involved within the criminal justice system. Navigation maps can be found at www.cmhak.on.ca.
- Made Mobile Crisis Model submissions to the NorthWest LHIN within the Kenora Rainy River District
- Formed a Membership and Engagement sub-committee to develop onboarding information for new members joining the committee
- Created an inventory of mental health and addiction resources within First Nation communities within the Northwest LHIN. This inventory can be found at www.cmhak.on.ca
- Reviewed and identified RISK data and system issues which were discussed with the North West Community Mobilization Network and Provincial HSJCC committees