

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:

- Developed 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
- Implemented the Transitional Justice Unit for those being released from custody in partnership with the Kenora District Services Board and CMHA Kenora Branch rent supplement program
- Reviewed models to address absenteeism rates within the schools in partnership with Children's Aid Society organizations
- Advocated for the development of Mobile Crisis Team models within the Kenora Rainy River District
- Disseminated the Regional Crisis Line information within the Kenora Rainy River District
- Assisted in the development of consistent data tracking indicators for the Mobile Crisis Teams across all teams in the province
- Engaged with Collaborative Crisis Response Model Working Group as they continue to develop a framework and toolkit for MCRT teams
- Disseminated information on the Mental Health Assessment Team pilot access within the Kenora Rainy River District to assist those in need of a psychiatric assessment in crisis.
- Discussions have commenced around resources for the Community Justice Centre in Kenora and the case management services required to be successful
- Ongoing dissemination and updating of navigation maps for those individuals involved within the criminal justice system. Navigation maps can be found at www.cmhak.on.ca.
- Membership and engagement sub-committee centralized an orientation package for new and existing members now available at www.cmhak.on.ca
- Inventory of mental health and addiction resources are available within First Nation communities within the Northwest LHIN. See www.cmhak.on.ca.
- Release from Custody Task Force was developed and meets monthly to discuss ongoing issues with partners for those being released from correctional institutions
- Raid Intervention Services Kenora data review and system issues identified and discussed with the Northwest Community Mobilization Network and Provincial HSJCC Committees
- Continued meetings during COVID-19 over Zoom