

Provincial Human Services and Justice Coordination Committee Report

February 2008

The HSJCC Conference, September 2007

Nearly 450 people took part and thanks to all for their contributions!

Presentations are still being requested and presenters are urged to send their electronic material to vhuehn@fcmhs.ca for inclusion on the website. Special thanks to the folks who presented and absorbed their own costs.

The overwhelmingly positive feedback about the conference for both learning and networking, has resulted in a plan for another conference to be held in the fall of 2009.

Anyone interested in participating on the conference committee is urged to contact the Chair of their regional HSJCC by March 20, 2008.

Financial Support to Local Committees

At this time, there are no new funds available to support emerging local committees. The provincial group is considering options to ensure that some resources are available for all eligible committees.

HSJCC Website

The website is now operational. To maximize usage, access will be kept simple and at this time there will not be a 'members' only section.

Please forward any information to be placed on the website to your Regional HSJCC chair.

Mental Health Commission of Canada

Two members of the provincial committee, Steve Lurie and Vicky Huehn are members of the Service Systems Advisory Group and will provide updates on the work of the Commission.

Provincial Ministries involvement

A number of ministries in addition to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care continue to participate on provincial committee. This is a reflection of the importance of the service enhancement initiative.

Knowledge Exchange

Peter Aharan, a member of the provincial committee, sits on the Ontario Mental Health and Addictions Knowledge Exchange Network and provides a link between the work of the two groups

Discussion Issues

An issue that has come forward is related to a perceived lack of appropriate supports for people who have a dual disability (developmental disability and a mental illness) . This may be an Ontario-wide concern. Further discussion is planned.

If there are any areas for provincial focus, please contact your regional Chairperson.

Membership

A representative of the Specialized Care Network will be asked to join the provincial committee. There has been interest expressed from this group

Workplan

The 2008-2009 workplan is presently being developed and will be presented at the March 6, 2008 meeting of the provincial committee.