



Human Service and Justice Coordinating Committee

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Background and Overview

- In a response to a recognized need to coordinate services and plan more effectively for people with mental illness who are in conflict with the law, six ministries of the Ontario government (MOHLT, MCSCS, MCSS, MCYS, MAG, MPIR) established Regional HSJCC throughout Ontario.
- The Toronto Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee (T-HSJCC) determined the need for Local Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committees in the following four geographical areas:
West Toronto (WT-HSJCC), North York (NY-HSJCC), Downtown Toronto (DT-HSJCC) and Scarborough (S-HSJCC) www.shsandjcc.com

Mandates and Target Population

- The mandate of the Toronto Region HSJCC is to engage in joint planning across the sectors, coordination and integration of services for individuals 16 years of age or older with a mental illness and who are involved or at significant risk of being involved with the criminal justice system. Individuals may have a co-occurring issue such as homelessness, substance abuse, developmental disability and acquired brain injury.
- Goals of the HSJCC are to develop a system of services that work well together, improve the quality of services for individuals, minimize the amount of time people spend in

correctional facilities waiting for fitness assessments, prevent/reduce recidivism, identify key barriers and gaps in service.

Functions and Activities

- Information sharing, system-building and networking, identification of gaps in service, problem solving, service coordination issues, communication, education, performance monitoring, annual work planning and budgeting.

Membership

- Toronto Region HSJCC are led by 2 co-chairs, ideally one from the mental health sector and one from the criminal justice service sector. Membership of the HSJCC may include:

Local community mental health organizations, local addictions organizations, hospitals, designated forensic mental health programs, Toronto Police Service, Crown Attorney's office, Judges, Duty Counsel, Bail Program, Probation and Parole, correctional facilities, local criminal justice service organizations, Acquired Brain Injury Network, Toronto Network for Specialized Care, Dual Diagnosis representatives and other related social services.

- The diagram on the following page shows the connections and relationships between the various governmental ministries, the HSJCC and the Mental Health and Justice Network.

Diagram 1 – HSJCC roles & relationships

