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Osgoode Professional Development Centre, 1 Dundas St W Suite #2602

Abbreviated Program

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Day 1 – Tuesday, September 22, 2026

9:00 – 9:30 am	<u>Welcome & Invocation</u> <i>Invocation</i> Jody Harbour Grandmother's Voice <i>Opening Remarks</i> Aidan Johnson & Amy Slotek Co-chairs, Ontario Health-Justice Community of Practice
9:30 – 10:30 am	Session 1 (Plenary) Setting the Stage: Why Health Justice Partnerships Matter Now & Creating a Shared Language <i>Moderator: Michele Leering</i> Visiting Scholar, Queen's University Faculty of Law; CPRA

	<i>Post-doctoral Research Fellow, University of Ottawa Faculty of Law</i>	
	<u>Presenters:</u> Bethany Hamilton Director, National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership, George Washington University’s Milken Institute of Public Health Dame Hazel Genn Dean of Laws & Co-Director of the UCL Judicial Institute in the Faculty of Laws at University College London, United Kingdom Lottie Turner Chief Executive Officer, Health Justice Australia Dr. Sarah Beardon Senior Research & Policy Fellow (health and justice), University College London Faculty of Laws, United Kingdom	
10:30 – 11:00 am BREAK – 30 minutes		
11:00 – 12:15 pm	Session 2 (Plenary) Models & the Spectrum of Health Justice Partnerships <i>Moderator: TBA</i>	
	<u>Presenters:</u> Amy Slotek Legal Aid Ontario Staff Lawyer and Health-Justice Community of Practice Co-Chair Emmanuelle Bernheim Professor, University of Ottawa Faculty of Law; Director, Interdisciplinary Social Rights Clinic Mike Ollier Director of Legal Services, Hamilton Community Legal Clinic Giulia Reinhart Lawyer/Executive Director, Halton Community Legal Services Tess Sheldon Associate Professor, University of Windsor Faculty of Law; Director, Mental Health Justice Clinic (CAMH/Legal Empowerment Council) Jennie Stone Executive Director, Neighbourhood Legal Services; Manager, The Health Justice Program Lisa Turik Lawyer/Executive Director, Community Advocacy & Legal Centre	
12:15 – 1:15 pm LUNCH – 1 hour		
1:15 – 2:45 pm	Session 3 (Workshop – Practical) Teaching & Embedding Health Justice in Medical, Healthcare & Legal Education <i>Co-moderators: Helen Anderson Community Legal Education Ontario (CLEO) & Lisa Turik Community Advocacy & Legal Centre</i>	Session 4 (Workshop – Policy) Equity, Inclusion, & Priority Populations <i>Moderator: Me Anne-Marie Santorineos Justice Pro Bono (formerly Pro Bono Quebec)</i>
	<u>Presenters:</u> Dr. Melanie Henry Vice-Chair of Community & Partnerships at the Department	<u>Presenters:</u> Jody Harbour Co-founder, Grandmother’s Voice

	of Family & Community Medicine, University of Toronto; Board Vice-Chair & Family Physician, Health for All Family Health Team Mercedes Perez Lawyer & Managing Partner, Perez Procope Leinveer LLP; Adjunct Faculty, Osgoode Hall Law School Robin Nobleman Staff Lawyer, Income Security Advocacy Centre; Adjunct Professor, University of Toronto Faculty of Law	Alexander McClelland Associate Professor, Carleton University Dr. Daisy Rivadeneira Physician; Migrant Public Legal Education & Outreach Worker, Niagara Community Legal Clinic
2:45 – 3:15 pm	BREAK – 30 minutes	
3:15 – 4:45 pm	Session 5 (Workshop – Practical) Laying the Foundation: Building Health Justice Partnerships That Last <i>Moderator: Amy Slotek Legal Aid Ontario</i>	Session 6 (Workshop – Policy) Policy & Legislative Enablers of Health Justice <i>Moderator: TBA</i>
	Presenters: Dr. Gary Bloch Family Physician, St. Michael's Hospital & Inner City Health Associates Julien Dion Lawyer & Mediator, La Maison Bleue Yonit Fuhrmann Deputy Director, Pro Bono Ontario Lisa Turik Lawyer/Executive Director, Community Advocacy & Legal Centre	Presenters: Naheed Dosani Founder, Palliative Education and Care for the Homeless (PEACH) Program at the Inner City Health Associates; Medical Director, Kensington Hospice (Kensington Health); Health Equity Expert Advisor, Canadian Partnership Against Cancer; Physician, St. Michael's Hospital (Unity Health Toronto) Sara Gold Legal Counsel, Access to Justice Office at Justice Canada Vanessa Gruben Professor, University of Ottawa Faculty of Law; Director, Centre for Health Law, Policy, & Ethics
4:45 – 7:00 pm	Poster Showcase & Networking Reception	

Day 2 – Wednesday, September 23, 2026		
9:00 – 10:30 am	Session 7 (Workshop – Practical) Building Evaluation & Research Capacity to Advance Health Justice Partnerships <i>Co-moderators: Jennie Stone Neighbourhood Legal Services & Michele</i>	Session 8 (Workshop – Practical) Navigating Referrals in Health Justice Partnerships <i>Co-moderators: Helen Anderson Community Legal Education Ontario (CLEO) & Lisa Turik Community</i>

	Leering Visiting Scholar, Queen's University Faculty of Law; CPRA Post-doctoral Research Fellow, University of Ottawa Faculty of Law	Advocacy & Legal Centre
	Presenters: Liz Curran Ministry of Justice Legal Support Strategy Advisory UK ; Associate Professor, Nottingham Law School Michele Leering Visiting Scholar, Queen's University Faculty of Law; CPRA Post-doctoral Research Fellow, University of Ottawa Faculty of Law Dr. Navindra Persaud Director, St. Michael's Hospital's MAP Centre for Urban Health Solutions Jennie Stone Executive Director, Neighbourhood Legal Services; Manager, The Health Justice Program Lisa Turik Lawyer/Executive Director, Community Advocacy & Legal Centre	Presenters: Giulia Reinhardt Lawyer/Executive Director, Halton Community Legal Services Dr. Rami Shoucric Family Physician, St. Michael's Family Health Team/Health Justice Program
10:30 – 11:00 am	BREAK – 30 minutes	
11:00 - 12:15 pm	Session 9 (Plenary) Building Evidence, Legitimacy, & Policy Impact Moderator: TBA	
	Presenters: Dr. Samantha Green Family Physician, St. Michael's Hospital Academic Family Health Team; Assistant Professor, University of Toronto; President, Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment Sandra Ka Hon Chu Lawyer & Co-Executive Director, HIV Legal Network Mona Loutfy Senior Scientist & Director, Women & HIV Research Program, Women's College Hospital Research & Innovation Institute; Innovation Fellow, Women's College Hospital Institute for Health System Solutions & Virtual Care; Staff Physician, Women's College Hospital; Professor, Department of Medicine, University of Toronto Dr. Vanessa Redditt Physician, Crossroads Refugee Clinic (Women's College Hospital); Lecturer, University of Toronto's Department of Community & Family Medicine and Dalla Lana School of Public Health	
12:15 – 1:15 pm	LUNCH – 1 hour	
1:15 – 2:45 pm	Session 10 (Workshop – Practical)	Session 11 (Workshop – Policy)

	Building Academic Health Justice/Medical-Legal Partnerships: Collaborative Models for Interprofessional Education, Advocacy, & Systems Change <i>Co-moderators: Vanessa Gruben University of Ottawa Faculty of Law & Michele Leering Visiting Scholar, Queen's University Faculty of Law; CPRA Post-doctoral Research Fellow, University of Ottawa Faculty of Law</i>	Ensuring Funding, Sustainability and a Centre of Excellence <i>Moderator: Aidan Johnson Niagara Community Legal Clinic</i>
	<u>Presenters:</u> Emmanuelle Bernheim Professor, University of Ottawa Faculty of Law; Director, Interdisciplinary Social Rights Clinic Yael Cannon Professor of Law & Director, Health Justice Alliance Law Clinic, Georgetown University Faculty of Law, USA Dr. Katie Dorman Family Physician, St. Michael's Family Health Team/Health Justice Program Tess Sheldon Professor, University of Windsor; Director, Mental Health Justice Clinic (CAMH/Legal Empowerment Council) Dr. Rami Shoucari Family Physician, St. Michael's Family Health Team/Health Justice Program	<u>Presenters:</u> Zayna Khayat Health Futurist, Teladoc Health Canada; Adjunct Professor & Executive-in-Residence, Health Sector Strategy, University of Toronto Rotman School of Business Kirsti McHenry Executive Director, Pro Bono Ontario Nye Thomas Executive Director, Law Commission of Ontario
2:45 – 3:15 pm BREAK – 30 minutes		
3:15 – 4:15 pm	Session 12 (Workshop – Practical) Future Visioning & Next Steps – Frontline Providers <i>Moderator: TBA</i>	Session 13 (Workshop – Policy) Future Visioning & Next Steps – Policy, Research, & Funding <i>Moderator: TBA</i>
	<u>Presenters:</u> TBA	<u>Presenters:</u> TBA
4:15 – 5:00 pm	Session 14 (Plenary) Where Health Justice Partnerships Go Next in Ontario	

	Moderator: TBA
	<u>Presenters:</u> TBA
5:00 – 5:15 pm	Closing & Thank Yous