

CRPNM ADVISOR

THE COLLEGE OF REGISTERED PSYCHIATRIC NURSES OF MANITOBA

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The Board of Directors and staff of the CRPNM wish all our registrants, colleagues and business associates health and good fortune as we embark on another New Year.



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Report from Dawn Bollman, President and Annette Osted, Executive Director

Electronic Communication with Registrants

The College is trying to cut some of its printing and mailing costs by placing the Annual Report and each issue of our newsletter (CRPNM ADVISOR) on the website. We will then let those registrants who have told us that they want materials by e-mail that they are available on the CRPNM website.

We are in the process of redesigning the CRPNM website and developing in-house capability to maintain the site. We anticipate that we will have the redesign finished by the end of June '08.

Support for 2008 World Congress

The Board of Directors has determined that they will assist any RPN whose abstract has been accepted for the World Congress with the registration fee and other expenses towards attendance at the Congress (Regina – May 22-24, 2008). Please contact us as soon as possible with proof of acceptance of your abstract (including poster presentation).

BScPN Award

The recipient of the CRPNM third year BScPN award was Uzoma Asagwara. Uzoma was not present at the ceremony in September because she was in Chile preparing for the Olympic qualifiers with the Canadian Basketball Team. Congratulations Uzoma!

Update on Legislation Issues

The CRPNM developed a response to the Fair Registration Practices in Regulated Professions Act and attended committee hearings following the second reading of the Act in the Legislature.

There continues to be a lot of work in the area of Health Professions Legislation. The discussions are now around “reserved acts” for the umbrella legislation. We will soon start looking at the reserved acts that should be in the regulations that govern psychiatric nursing.

NOR-MAN & mental health human resources

The NOR-MAN Regional Health Authority has apparently been trying to recruit staff for their mental health program. They are having difficulty retaining qualified practitioners for their in-patient program and are looking at alternatives. The CRPNM has prepared a response to a report that proposes preparing LPNs to work in mental health. The CRPNM has critiqued the document and process that led to a proposal that appears to be unfair to both patients and LPNs.

The issue of shortages of RPNs for both staff and leadership positions in mental health has also been felt in other regions and we will try to work with those regions towards some solutions that have client safety and quality of care as the primary goals.

Board Meeting dates

Board meetings are open to all registrants and to the public. Board meeting dates and venues for the coming year have been set as follows:

- Evening in Portage la Prairie – January 23rd
- Evening in Portage la Prairie – March 5th
- Awards dinner – evening of April 17th in Winnipeg
- Annual Conference & meeting – April 18th – all day – in Winnipeg
- Board meeting immediately following the AGM – April 18th
- Evening in Portage la Prairie – June 4th
- Friday evening and all day Saturday – September 17th & 18th
- Evening in Portage la Prairie – November 26th

COLLEGE OF REGISTERED PSYCHIATRIC NURSES OF MANITOBA (CRPNM)

Call For Awards Nominations

The Board of Directors is accepting nominations for the 2008 CRPNM Awards of Excellence in the four domains of Psychiatric Nursing Practice: Clinical, Education, Leadership and Research. The Awards Committee will look for nominees who have demonstrated excellence in their practice through the provision of quality services; have been facilitators for positive change; have taken a leadership role in improving quality or developing innovative approaches to service delivery; have added to the body of knowledge of the profession of Psychiatric Nursing; or, have otherwise contributed to the profession or to the quality of health care for the people of Manitoba.

The Nominations Form can be downloaded from the CRPNM website (www.crpnm.mb.ca) or a copy can be faxed to you if you call 204-888-4841. One of either the nominator or the seconder must be a RPN. You must provide the rationale for your nomination and the nominee's resume for review by the Awards Committee.

The Awards will be presented in conjunction with the 2008 CRPNM Annual General Meeting that will be held in Winnipeg on April 18th, 2008. The Board of Directors may also recognize special contributions to the profession or the field of mental health at the Awards Ceremony.

Deadline for the receipt of nominations is February 15th, 2008.

This is an opportunity to recognize those Registered Psychiatric Nurses who are an inspiration to their colleagues, their patients or clients and their community.

2008 CRPNM Annual Meeting in WINNIPEG

The 2008 CRPNM Annual General Meeting and Awards Dinner will be held at the Victoria Inn (formerly the International Inn) on Wellington Avenue in Winnipeg on Thursday and Friday, April 17th and 18th. The structure of the event will be as follows:

Thursday, April 17th

- 5:30 PM Reception
- 6:30 PM Awards Dinner \$30.00 per ticket

Friday, April 18th

- 8:00 AM Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 AM The Manitoba Ombudsman has agreed to provide a presentation related to privacy principles re PHIA, MMHA, Vulnerable Persons Act; dealing with disclosure requests, protecting information when working outside of an office (eg CMHW); and how to respond to privacy breaches.
- 11:30 AM Annual General Meeting and Lunch
- 1:30 PM Education session continues
- 4:00 PM Adjournment

There will be a registration fee of approximately \$60.00 (+GST) for the Friday event. Details will be available on the CRPNM website by the end of February 2008 and the actual agenda will be sent to all registrants at least 30 days prior to the event. Such notice will be sent either by regular mail or electronically, depending on the preference identified by registrants on their renewal of registration forms.

RPNs involved in National Projects

Kim Ryan Nicholls, RPN, RN, BN, MDE, PhD (c) is a co-applicant to the Canadian Institute for Health Research for a five-year project addressing mental health issues in youth.

Debbie Frechette, RPN, BScMH is participating in a Human Resources in Cancer Care national project that is funded by Health Canada.

Arlene MacLennan, RPN, RN has been participating in a national advisory panel on Schizophrenia and Concurrent Disorders. They have developed information for consumers, families and providers around the issue of mental illness and concurrent disorders and now have some pamphlets for each of those groups. We hope to have links to those on our website soon.

Report on National and Interprovincial Activities

Our lack of mobility as a regulated profession in Eastern Canada can not be addressed under the Agreement on Internal Trade as it reads at this time. We have met with the Labour Mobility Coordinator for Manitoba. He has stated that he doubts very much that the RPN issue would be one that would be addressed by April 2, 2009 (which is the compliance date to which all governments are committed). He thinks that this could be an issue that might be tackled after that date. Meanwhile, the CRPNM is not compliant with the AIT because we do not accept RPNAS registrants who graduated from the NEPS (Nursing Education Program of Saskatchewan). We will have to review this in light of some changes that may have been made to that program.

The RPNC purchased a table at the **Champions' Luncheon** put on by the Canadian Alliance on Mental Illness and Mental Health in Ottawa. At the table was one of the persons highlighted as a "Face of Mental Health" for 2007 and her parents; Senator Joyce Fairburn and the aide to Senator/Minister LeBreton. It ended up that the aide's mother works for Valerie Mushinski (RPN, MA) in Nipawin, Saskatchewan. It is always a small world.

During that same week while in Ottawa, Annette Osted, as a representative of the RPNC, was invited to attend a small breakfast of mental health leaders by the Honourable Michael Kirby, Chair of the **Mental Health Commission of Canada** to discuss general system issues. Annette and Bob Allen, ED of the RPNAS also attended a joint symposium put on by the Native Mental Health Association of Canada and the Mood Disorders Society of Canada.

For the last couple of years, the RPNC has been meeting with the Canadian Nurses Association and the Canadian Council on Practical Nurse Regulators about twice a year. In the spring of 2007, the CNA stated that they would not support the RPNC's attempts to have RPNs regulated east of the Manitoba border. The RPNC will continue to meet jointly with representatives of the other two nursing professions in Canada to address issues of mutual concern.

As you know, we have been working inter-provincially on a new document that would have a national Code of Ethics, Standards of Psychiatric Nursing Practice and entry-level competencies. We are now looking at the validation process for this document. RPNs will be critically involved in this process to ensure that the document is valid and reliable and therefore credible for use in research and other projects.

Discussions continue on the development of an inter-provincial, virtual **MA in Psychiatric Nursing** but it is slow. Some governments see the value in such an effort but all say that there is no money for such a project. We are continuing to work towards that goal so that RPNs can build on their education and experiences in psychiatric nursing.

The **Office of Nursing Policy of Health Canada** hosted a meeting, in March 2007 on the Future of Nursing. As a result of that meeting, some documents were circulated across the country with "recommendations" that included that there should be one association and one regulatory body for all nurses in each of the regulatory jurisdictions. We are concerned with the process that was used for the development of those "recommendations". In September, another meeting was held in Ottawa to develop a process to work towards the "future of nursing". The RPNC has prepared a response that expresses serious concern with the content as well as with the process that was used. We have since learned that other bodies are concerned about these documents.

Members of the Board of Directors of the CRPNM

In each issue we will try to highlight some members of the Board of Directors.

Dawn Bollman, RPN, BScMH *President*

Dawn is the Manager of Patient Care for the Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit & the Forensic Mental Health Unit at the Health Sciences Centre. She has been practising Psychiatric Nursing since 1976, working at the Brandon Mental Health Centre, the Centre for Adult Psychiatry in Brandon, and as the Manager of Mental Health and Wellness of Kitikmeot Region in Nunavut. Dawn was sponsored by the HSC to participate in the Dorothy Wylie Nursing Leadership Institute. Dawn initiated the development of a competency program for Mental Health Paraprofessional staff at Health Sciences Centre.



Bill Ashdown *Director*

Bill is a public representative appointed by the Board. Bill was the Executive Director of the Mood Disorders Association of Manitoba for twelve years. In 1995 he was the founding President of the Mood Disorders Society of Canada and he has recently completed his appointment as the Chairman of the Board of the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance of the United States. Bill also serves on a number of boards for organizations in both Canada and the US. He is a founding member of the Canadian Alliance for Mental Illness and Mental Health and an active commentator on mental health and illness issues internationally.



Karen Burgess, RPN, BA, BScPN *Treasurer (to December 31, 2007)*

Karen works in the Child and Adolescent Eating Disorders Day Hospital at the Psychealth Centre in Winnipeg. She has previous experience in acute adult general psychiatry and at a long-term developmental centre. She received her BA from the U of M in 1999 and then continued towards a career in psychiatric nursing, earning her BScPN from Brandon University in 2002. She has been on the Board of Directors since 2003 and sat on the Steering Committee for the 2004 World Congress for Psychiatric Nurses. She has served two and a half terms of office as Treasurer. Karen is taking some time off to prepare for her second child.



Melanie Ferg, RPN *Director*

Melanie graduated from the Brandon Psychiatric Nursing Education program in 1991. She has been employed at the Manitoba Developmental Centre since then. She has been a Residential Coordinator at the MDC since 1997 and has worked in both the Habilitation Program and the Extended Care Program. Melanie has actively participated on numerous committees at the Centre and is currently involved in the Quality Management Committee as well as the Clinical Nursing Policy & Procedure Committee. She has been a member of the CRPNM Board of Directors for the past 5 years and enjoys the opportunity it provides to represent the profession of psychiatric nursing.



Lawrence McInnes, LLB *Director*

Lawrence is a public representative appointed by the Board. Lawrence has been on the board of directors for about eight years and served as Executive member at large for four years. He is retired from a senior Crown Attorney position for the Province of Manitoba, based in Brandon. Lawrence is now developing his knowledge and skills in new directions.





Attention: Changes to GST – Impact on registration fees for 2008

The Government of Canada has announced a change to the Goods & Services Tax that brings the GST rate down to 5% as of January 1, 2008. The registration fees paid by registrants for 2008 is based on the 6% rate because of the following statement from the Government of Canada:

“If the payment due date on the renewal notice is in 2007, the membership will be subject to 6% GST, even though the membership is for 2008.”

Because our bylaws state that the due date for the 2008 registration fee is December 1, 2007, the 6% rate applies. This would also have been the case if the due date was December 31, 2007.

A Brief to the MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION OF CANADA

from the
College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of Manitoba (CRPNM)
October 17, 2007

(The Mental Health Commission of Canada held a consultation in Winnipeg on October 17th, 2007. The CRPNM was one of eight organizations invited to present a brief to the Commission in terms of what we hope the Commission will accomplish in three years and what we can do to assist the Commission in achieving its goals. The following is what Dawn Bollman, CRPNM President, presented to the Commission.)

Introduction

Registered Psychiatric Nurses form the largest single group of mental health professionals in the Province of Manitoba. We work in partnership with clients/patients and with family members and other natural support systems. Information on the education and practice settings of Registered Psychiatric Nurses can be found in appendices to this brief. The role of the CRPNM is included on the back page of the pamphlet in materials that have been circulated to the Commission.

Response to the Commission's Questions

A. In the context of the Mental Health Commission of Canada's first three priorities the CRPNM hopes the Commission will accomplish the following in its first three years:

1. Reducing Stigma

Within three years a Canada-wide campaign to attack stigma and increase awareness of mental health issues will have been implemented and part of the evaluation will have started.

The board of directors of the CRPNM believes that stigma is the most pressing issue. Several examples of stigmatization were given by our board. These examples came from personal experiences encountered by consumers of services, family members and/or service providers.

The creating of awareness of mental illnesses and the education that goes with it is a necessary approach. Talking about mental illness openly; discussing it in public venues; having ads in the media... all that worked for cancer and for HIV-AIDS. Some of the target groups for such an anti-stigma campaign are included in Appendix A to this brief.

2. National Strategy

Within three years, the Mental Health Commission will have developed a blueprint for a national strategy and obtained a commitment from at least 50% of the provincial and territorial governments, as well as from the federal government, to the blueprint.

A national strategy would include:

- commitment to the national strategy from critical partners
- a minimum national standard for mental health care/services across the country
- ensuring that community-based services are included in shared funding arrangements between governments
- investment in mental health promotion and the prevention of mental health problems
- mental health human resources

The matter of funding is vital because mental health issues transcend the rigid “health” budget.

Investment in mental health promotion and the prevention of mental illness requires a trans-departmental, trans-disciplinary and long-term approach. We are looking at more than changes to just the “health system”.

To implement a strategy or action plan, resources are needed; resources such as money, materiel, space and personnel. There is a severe shortage of qualified mental health professionals. This shortage makes it difficult to form trans-disciplinary teams. Where such teams don't exist, it is difficult to incorporate mental health and mental illness issues into primary health care teams. The result is a vast disparity in services to the consumer.

3. Knowledge Exchange

Within three years, the Mental Health Commission will have developed an infrastructure for the collection and dissemination of information relevant to practices that have been demonstrated to be effective and efficient.

The key issue here is the opportunity to exchange information, retrieve information and contact resources. Examples that were given include a central book of resources and contact information for key resources to be able to directly contact someone and ask direct questions. Another suggestion was for a catalogue or phonebook of services and support groups from across Canada so that providers can network with each other and provide smooth referrals and transitions when people are relocating within Canada, thereby enhancing continuity of care.

B. In the context of the MHCC's first three priorities (reducing stigma, knowledge exchange, and developing a national strategy), this is how the CRPNM can assist the Commission in achieving its objectives:

1. Stigma Reduction

Provide input into the issues needing to be addressed and act as a sounding board for the programs which the Commission might recommend. Ensure that current and future Registered Psychiatric Nurses participate in stigma reduction education and processes.

2. National Strategy

Supply resources (ie- people's names from both within our ranks and from our “friends”) who can help in planning this strategy and especially in promoting it within our province and regions.

3. Knowledge Exchange

Assist in the gathering of information; the testing of various formats; eg: electronic catalogue/phonebook; access options for persons without easy computer access, etc... Each of our 1000 registrants could be a source of information for consumers, families and communities.

Enlist the university responsible for the Bachelor of Science in Psychiatric Nursing program in this effort.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Michel Tarko, RPN, BA, PhD was the successful candidate for the position of Dean, Health Sciences at Douglas College in British Columbia. Michel is now responsible for several health programs at the College, including the psychiatric and general nursing programs.



REGISTERED PSYCH FOUNDATION

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President's Message



Leo O'Rourke, President

I am pleased to make my first installment as the President of the Registered Psychiatric Nurses' Foundation, Inc. I look forward to the challenge in meeting the objective of enhancing the profession of psychiatric nursing education, practice and research through the continued support of our donors. There have been numerous changes over the last year for the RPNF not only on the board but also with respect to the bursaries and awards themselves. Of note, is the change to the date of the applications deadline to January 15, 2008. This change was implemented to better facilitate selection and distribution of the bursaries. Other new changes on the horizon will include our own RPNF website to be up and running in the New Year. It is anticipated that when complete the bursary applications and Foundation policies will be accessible on the website.

The Board of the Registered Psychiatric Nurses' Foundation Inc. is very pleased to welcome our new Board member Cathy Demas, and accept with heavy heart the resignation of Marg Synyshyn, RPN, BHS. Thank you Marg for your invaluable assistance on the Board over the last several years. The Registered Psychiatric Nurses' Foundation, Inc. is currently seeking an RPN interested in becoming a RPNF board member. Please call the CRPNM office at 888-4841 if you are interested.

Monthly meetings continue by teleconference. The main focus for this year has been and continues to be revisions of the RPNF policies. As in the past, the RPNF continues to look for and welcomes suggestions for fundraising opportunities.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you to all who have contributed to the Foundation and we look forward to your continued support.

Sincerely,

Leo O'Rourke, President

PSYCHIATRIC NURSES' FOUNDATION INC.

Words from our Donors

Annette Osted
Executive Director CRPNM

I believe in supporting the Registered Psychiatric Nurses Foundation because I believe in the profession of Psychiatric Nursing. There are too few financial support systems for Registered Psychiatric Nurses and that makes it difficult for individual RPNs to interrupt their work lives to continue developing in their career and profession. This in turn slows the progress of the profession as a whole because it is dependent on its individual members for its development.

I have been making donations to the Registered Psychiatric Nurses Foundation for several years. For the last ten years, I have been making donations through the CRPNM bank debit plan. I have added some money to the amount that the CRPNM takes from my bank for my registration fees for nine months of the year so I barely feel the impact of the donation. I then get my charitable donation receipt every February in time for inclusion in my income tax return. It works really well. You can add \$10 or \$20 or \$30 per month for nine months and you have donated \$90, \$180, or \$270 to the Foundation. I have also made special donations in memory of RPN friends or colleagues who have died. I find it a good way to recognize their contribution to both my professional and personal lives.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Registered Psychiatric Nurses' Foundation Inc. (RPNF), incorporated in 1995 as a charitable organization, is to attract and manage the gifts of many donors into a permanent endowment fund to enhance the profession of psychiatric nursing education, practice and research.

Donors

The Registered Psychiatric Nurses' Foundation Inc. is very grateful to the following persons for their support during 2006 – 2007:

Marlene Fitzsimmons	Beverly Gradidge
Beverly Hicks	Jan McDougall
Leo O'Rourke	Annette Osted
Brigette Therrrien	Sharon Young
Allison Done	Elinor Samels-Owens
Bonnie Martens	Darlene Henry
Marg Synyshyn	Barbara Martens
Kathy Foley	

Donations from other individuals may have been received through the All Charities Campaign.

When notified of a death of a RPN or former RPN, the CRPNM makes a donation in their memory.

Dear Mental Health Stakeholder:

The Mental Health Commission of Canada Knowledge Exchange Centre initiative is interested in your advice and support. We are conducting a survey to advise us with respect to the creation of the Knowledge Exchange Centre. The survey will assist us in identifying good, promising and best practices in mental health knowledge exchange.

Our definition of knowledge exchange is "the engagement of people living with mental illness and their families, as well as the public, service providers, decision makers, and researchers in obtaining, sharing and utilizing information, knowledge and skills to improve health outcomes based on evidence, experience, promising practices or policies".

We have to date collected information about more than 600 mental health focused websites in Canada and internationally. We have also reviewed all available published literature from key research journals.

We want to ensure that we do not miss other sources of knowledge exchange initiatives that you may be aware of. If you know of a good practice that you would like to share, please fill in the survey referenced at: <http://www.mentalhealthcommission.ca/survey>.

If you believe that someone else would have a good or promising practice to share with the Mental Health Commission of Canada please do not hesitate to forward this package on to them with encouragement to complete the survey.

Thank you; your support and assistance is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Glenn Thompson
Acting CEO,
MHCC



The Mental Health Commission of Canada announces its Board of Directors

Chair: The Honourable Michael Kirby



Senator Michael Kirby

Joan Edwards Karmazyn from Grand Bank, Newfoundland and Labrador Ms Edwards Karmazyn is President of the Consumers' Health Awareness Network of Newfoundland and Labrador (CHANNAL), a province-wide peer support network for people living with a mental illness. She is also Vice-President of the Board of Directors of the National Network for Mental Health and lives with a mental illness.

Andy Cox from Milford Station, Nova Scotia Mr. Cox is employed as Mental Health Patient Advocate for children and youth at the IWK Health Centre in Halifax. He also lives with a mental illness.

Jeannette Leblanc from Moncton, New Brunswick Ms Leblanc is a Registered Nurse and University Professor in Nursing. She is the mother of a child living with schizophrenia since the age of 18 (who turned 42 in September). She is the former Chair of a community mental health advisory committee to the New Brunswick Minister of Health.

Louise de Bellefeuille from Montreal, Quebec Ms Bellefeuille is a head nurse on a psychiatric unit at Sir Mortimer B. Davis Jewish General Hospital in Montreal and has five years' experience as the head nurse at the adolescent psychiatric unit of l'hôpital Ste. Justine in Montreal.

Tony Boeckh from Montreal, Quebec Mr. Boeckh is President of Boeckh Capital Co. Ltd and former CEO and Editor-in-Chief of BCA Publications. He is a mental health philanthropist and the parent of a deceased child who had a mental illness.

Mary May Simon from Nunavik, Quebec Ms Simon is President of Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami and Chair of the Alianait Committee responsible for developing a strategy to improve Inuit Mental Wellness. She has fifteen years' experience as Executive Council member, President and Special Envoy of the Inuit Circumpolar Conference and ten years' experience as Canadian ambassador for Circumpolar Affairs.

David S. Goldbloom, MD, FRCPC Toronto, Ontario Dr. Goldbloom is Senior Medical Advisor, Education and Public Affairs for the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) in Toronto. He has had three years' experience as Chief of Staff at the Clarke Institute and continues in active practice.

Chris Summerville from Steinbach, Manitoba Mr. Summerville is the Executive Director of the Manitoba Schizophrenia Society and the Interim CEO of the Schizophrenia Society of Canada. He is a Certified Psychosocial Rehabilitation Practitioner and an ordained Pastor. He is the Past Chair of the Manitoba Provincial Advisory Council on Mental Health to the Minister of Health and Past Chair of the Alliance on Mental Illness and Mental Health in Manitoba. He has personal experience with mental illness both personally and as a family member.

Fern Stockdale-Winder from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan Ms Stockdale-Winder is the Director, Department of Clinical Health Psychology and Professional Leader of Psychology for the Saskatoon Health Region. She Chairs the Seniors Mental Health Steering Committee for that Region and is the co-author of a website focused on the promotion of mental well-being.



Lorraine Breault from Edmonton, Alberta Dr. Breault is Associate Dean, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta. She is also in independent private practice in clinical and consulting Psychology.

Madeleine Dion Stout from Delta, British Columbia Ms Dion Stout is the former co-ordinator of Native and Northern Studies at Carleton University, Ottawa. She is an Aboriginal Health Development Consultant and has nearly twenty years' experience with the Medical Services Branch of Canada focusing on First Nations and Inuit health. She trained as a nurse.

Government Directors:

Patrick Dion, Vice-President, Consulting with Summa Strategies Canada Inc, a government relations and communications firm. He began his public service career as assistant and advisor to a Toronto-area Member of Parliament. He served as legislative assistant to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance; policy analyst with the federal Finance Department's International Trade Policy Division; and legislative and communications advisor to the Secretary of State for International Financial Institutions

Paddy Meade, Deputy Minister, Government of Alberta Ms Meade was appointed Deputy Minister of Alberta Health and Wellness in November 2004. She has previously served as Chief Executive Officer of the Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission (AADAC). Prior to joining Health and Wellness, Ms Meade served three years as Deputy Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development. She also has six years' experience as Executive Director of the Correctional Services Division, Young Offender Branch for Alberta Justice

John Wright, Deputy Minister, Government of Saskatchewan Mr Wright was appointed Deputy Minister of Health on July 1, 2004. He began his career in 1977 with Saskatchewan Finance, became Deputy Minister in 1990 and held that position until 1995. He then served as President and CEO of Saskatchewan Government Insurance, President of the Crown Investments Corporation and President and Chief Executive Officer of SaskPower until June 2004. He also is an Adjunct Professor in the faculty of Graduate Studies and Research at the University of Regina.

Greg Cummings, Assistant Deputy Minister Operational Support, NWT Health and Social Services Mr. Cummings assumed the role of Assistant Deputy Minister in September 2006. Prior to joining NWT Health and Social Services, Mr. Cummings was CEO of the Yellowknife Health and Social Services Authority where he was responsible for the provision of public health, homecare, social service, mental health and primary care Physician and NP programs to the city of Yellowknife and four of the surrounding Dene communities;

Nora Kelly, Deputy Minister of Health, Government of New Brunswick Ms Kelly was appointed Deputy Minister of Health in February 2001. Prior to this appointment, Ms. Kelly was Deputy Minister of Training and Development. Other positions Ms. Kelly has held include; Deputy Minister of Labour, Assistant Deputy Minister for Corrections and Community Services as well as Vice-President, Operations for the New Brunswick Workplace, Health, Safety and Compensation Commission.

Morris Rosenberg, Deputy Minister, Health Canada Mr. Rosenberg was appointed Deputy Minister of Health in December 2004. Prior to this appointment, Mr. Rosenberg served as Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Attorney General of Canada from July 1998 to December 2004.

Practising in Nunavut?

Because there is no regulatory body for Registered Psychiatric Nurses in Nunavut, representatives from each of the four regulatory bodies for the psychiatric nursing profession in Canada have signed an agreement with representatives of the Government of Nunavut. The agreement provides a mechanism for RPNs to practice in Nunavut while maintaining registration with the CRPNM (or one of the other regulatory bodies).

The Registered Psychiatric Nurses Act of Manitoba mandates the College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of Manitoba to establish and maintain standards for psychiatric nursing education and standards of psychiatric nursing practice. While the legislation can only be enforced in the province of Manitoba in Canada, any person who is registered with the College commits her/himself to adhere to the Standards of Psychiatric Nursing Practice and to the Code of Ethics as established by the College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of Manitoba.

RPNs who are planning to practise in Nunavut are encouraged to contact Laura Panteluk, Deputy Registrar of the CRPNM, to ensure they have all the required information.



Manitobans appointed to Advisory Committees of the MHCC

**Bill Ashdown – Family Caregivers
Advisory Committee** (Bill is a
public representative on the
CRPNM Board)

**Annette Osted – Service
Systems Advisory Committee**
(Annette is the Executive
Director of the CRPNM)

**Marg Synyshyn – Children and
Youth Advisory Committee**
(Marg is the Past President of
the CRPNM)

Mental Health Commission Announces Advisory Committee Chairs

Children and Youth: Simon Davidson - Executive Director of the Provincial Centre of Excellence for Child and Youth Mental Health, Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO), Ottawa; Chief of Psychiatry, CHEO; Medical Director of the Mental Health Patient Service Unit, CHEO.

Mental Health and the Law: Edward (Ted) Ormston - Appointed to the Ontario Court of Justice in 1989; Currently seconded to act as Chair of the Mental Health Consent and Capacity Board; Instrumental in creating, in Ontario, the world's first Mental Health Court

Seniors: Marie-France Tourigny-Rivard - Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Ottawa; Clinical Director, Integrated Geriatric Psychiatry Program, Royal Ottawa Health Care Group with clinical responsibilities in Outpatient Service and Outreach Geriatric Mental Health Services; First recipient of the Leadership Award from the Canadian Academy of Geriatric Psychiatry.

Aboriginal: William (Bill) Mussell - Founder and principal educator of Sal'i'shan Institute, established in 1988 as a private post-secondary agency specializing in Indigenous programs and services; President and Chair, Native Mental Health Association of Canada for 15 years; Co-Chair of the Canadian Alliance on Mental Illness and Mental Health.

Workplace: Bill Wilkerson - Co-Founder and CEO of the Global Business and Economic Roundtable on Addiction and Mental Health; Co-Author of Mindsets: Mental Health – The Ultimate Productivity Weapon; Designed an MBA program on mental health and productivity for the School of Business, McGill University; Former President of Liberty Health, then Canada's largest health benefits company.

Family Caregivers: Ella Amir - Executive Director for the past seventeen years of AMI-Quebec Action on Mental Illness (formerly Alliance for the Mentally Ill), Montreal. AMI-Quebec is one of the principal resources in Quebec for families struggling to cope with mental illness and promotes recovery-based care by working actively with hospitals, CLSCs and the community.

Service Systems: Steve Lurie - Thirty-two years experience as Executive Director of the Canadian Mental Health Association, including twenty-eight with the CMHA Metro Toronto Branch; Adjunct Professor in Mental Health Policy and Services, Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto; Author of reports on mental health services in Ontario.

Science: Elliot Goldner - Professor in the newly created, interdisciplinary Faculty of Health Sciences at Simon Fraser University; Established, and was the founding director of, the Centre for Applied Research in Mental Health & Addiction (CARMHA), Faculty of Health Sciences, SFU; Director of the Research in Mental Health & Addiction Policy & Services (RAMHPS) program, a national strategic research training program, funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR); Was head of the Division of Mental Health Policy & Services, University of British Columbia, Faculty of Medicine from 1999–2005; Established and led the Mental Health Evaluation & Community Consultation Unit for six years.

For more information:

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Bill Proposes Mandatory Reporting of Child Pornography



Citizens would be required to promptly report child pornography and help protect children from sexual abuse under proposed legislation that would be the first of its kind in Canada, Family Services and Housing Minister Gord Mackintosh announced today.

"Child pornography must be recognized as one of the most severe forms of child abuse," said Mackintosh. "Child pornography is not a photograph or a video for entertainment; it is a crime scene where a child is being raped or molested and horribly damaged. We want to better protect children by creating legislation that makes it mandatory for all citizens to do their part by reporting any type of child pornography."

The proposed legislation amends the Child and Family Services Act to explicitly provide that a person who reasonably believes that a representation is or might be child pornography, including online material, books, photographs and other visual representations, shall promptly report the information.

Children should not be responsible for reporting their own sexual abuse as they may be afraid or too intimidated to do so. This legislation compels all citizens to take action and report child pornography, Mackintosh said.

Child pornography would be defined the same as in the Criminal Code and would include online or printed representations and any advocating of criminal sexual activity with a child.

In an effort to protect children from the abuse of child pornography, the Government of Manitoba will provide \$140,000 to Cybertip.ca to allow Cybertip.ca to develop the infrastructure needed to support mandatory reporting as well as assist in creating a public education and awareness campaign.

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The concurrent sessions will follow themes around the four domains of psychiatric nursing practice: clinical, administration, research and education. For detailed information, please go to the Registered Psychiatric Nurses of Canada website: www.rpnc.ca

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This key commitment from Delivering for Mental Health has led to the development of a tool to assess practice against expected values for equality, social inclusion, recovery and rights. The Scottish Recovery Indicator (SRI) is based on the Recovery Oriented Practice Index (ROPI) which originated in the New York State Office of Mental Health following an extensive research, consultation and testing process.

The SRI version will be piloted with a view to possible improvement and amendment. A working group of key stakeholders has adapted the tool for use in Scotland while trying to remain as true as possible to the original in an effort to retain the tools fidelity. The SRI tool will now be piloted in four NHS Board areas in Scotland – Greater Glasgow and Clyde; Ayrshire and Arran; Tayside and Forth Valley. Further development and adaptation will take place in the light of the experience shown in these areas.

To review this report please go to the following link:
<http://www.iimhl.com/IIMHLUpdates/20071115.pdf>

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