

Best Practices From Vision To Reality

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Fort Frances, Ontario
November 4-6, 1998

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WHAT IS IT?

The Kenora/Rainy River Districts are on a journey towards a comprehensive, integrated mental health system.

There are numerous challenges ahead that will require the partnership of hospital and community agency leaders, direct care providers, consumer/survivors and family members. Everyone has a stake in, and a personal responsibility toward, the kind of system to be developed. This workshop will provide an opportunity to a diverse group of participants to learn about Best Practices that will work in our rural, isolated communities.

PANEL MEMBERS/MAKING IT WORK

- Robin Daly - Regional Consultant, MoH
- Jim Gillespie - People Advocating for Change Through Empowerment (PACE)
- Maurice Fortin - Canadian Mental Health Association - Thunder Bay
- Lisa Peever - Sunset Country Psychiatric Survivors
- Shiela Shaw - Canadian Mental Health Association - Fort Frances

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ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

- Robin Daly - Ministry of Health
- Darlene Furlong - Sunset Country Community Counselling, Dryden
- Susan Marshall - Canhelp, Fort Frances
- Shiela Shaw - Canadian Mental Health Association, Fort Frances
- Jon Thompson - Riverside Community Counselling, Fort Frances
- Anita Webb - New Directions Counselling, Kenora

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1998

7-10 Welcome, Registration, Cash Bar

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1998

- 8:30 Coffee & Danish
- 9:00 Introductions
- 9:15 Mental Health Reform-Then & Now; From the Graham Report to Best Practices
Speaker: Maurice Fortin
- 10:30 Coffee Break
- 11:00 Overview of Rural and Best Practices, Speaker: Henry Palmer III
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:30 Concurrent Sessions:
 - A: Making It Work, Speaker: David Reville - Lady Frances Room
 - B: Access Framework Act Teams, Speakers: Alex Bezzina & Tony Scott
 - C: Proactive Crisis Planning In A Rural Setting, Speaker: Henry Palmer III
- 3:00 Coffee Break
- 3:30 Alternatives to Hospitalization-Approaches to Respite Care, Speaker: Henry Palmer III
- 4:00 Wrap Up
- 6:00 Cash Bar
- 6:30 Dinner, Featuring Community Investment Fund Updates

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1998

- 8:30 Coffee & Danish
- 9:00 Lakehead Psychiatric Hospital Patient Assessment-Overview and Implications for the Kenora/Rainy River District, Speaker: Henry Palmer III
- 10:30 Coffee Break
- 11:00 Practical Best Practice Applications in the Kenora/Rainy River District, Speaker: Henry Palmer III
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:30 Concurrent Sessions:
 - A: Consumer Employment Initiatives That Work, Speakers: Shiela Shaw & Susan Marshall
 - B: Peer Networking, Speaker: Jon Thompson
- 3:00 Wrap Up

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

HENRY PALMER III

Henry is the Senior Mental Health Consultant at the Center for Community Change in Burlington, Vermont. He is a Clinical Professor at Trinity College in Vermont, with over 25 years experience with inpatient, outpatient, case management and crisis services. He is also a trained hostage negotiator.

TONY SCOTT

Tony is the Co-ordinator of the London PACT Team. He has a Masters in Social Work and works at the London/St. Thomas Psychiatric Hospitals.

MAURICE FORTIN

Maurice has been the Executive Director of the Thunder Bay Canadian Mental Health Association for the past 12 years. He was a member of the Graham Committee. He has extensive experience on Mental Health Boards, Committees and Working Groups, and received the Annual Mental Health Award from the NWO Mental Health Network and an award for contributing to the consumer/survivor movement in Thunder Bay.

ALEX BEZZINA

Alex is currently seconded to CMHA Ontario Division as a Community Mental Health Consultant. He is the principal author of ACCESS: A Framework for a Community Based Mental Health System. He has over 15 years experience in the mental health field, as well as being an associate faculty member at Conestoga College. Alex lives in Cambridge, Ontario.

DAVID REVILLE

David has been an advocate for the consumer/survivor movement for many years. He is a former Member of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario. He was the Chair of the Advocacy Commission. David is an author and manages his own consulting business in Toronto.