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# NEWS

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

We are delighted to announce that Dr. Jo Anne Nugent received the NADD 2012 Frank J. Menolascino Award for Excellence. This Award is presented each year through a nomination process to an individual whose distinctive and unique efforts have made significant advances in the understanding and knowledge in the field of mental health care for persons who have an intellectual/developmental disability. Dr. Robert Fletcher presented this prestigious award to Dr. Nugent during the NADD 29th Annual Conference held in Denver, Colorado on October 19, 2012. In his words: Dr. Nugent's teachings, books and other educational materials that she has developed have created wide-spread awareness about mental health aspects in persons with intellectual and developmental disability (IDD).

Congratulations Jo Anne!

On behalf of the board, we wish you all the very best for a healthy and happy holiday season and new year!

*Susan Morris, President*

## INTERMINISTERIAL NEWS

**An update of what is happening**

### *Policy Guideline Review*

As this newsletter is being written, we understand that the review is coming to an end. There was excellent response to the electronic survey that occurred in late Spring along with 14 focus groups that occurred across the province both in the Spring and Fall. The general sense is that there was a consistent message regarding the Guideline in terms of it no longer being adequate for achieving cross sector collaboration at a system level. As we have often noted in our Partnership in Action column, there is a tremendous amount of cross sector collaboration and shared service provision at the individual client level. We await the recommendations from the review and subsequent decisions by the lead Ministries of Health and Long Term Care and Community and Social services. NADD Ontario continues to be represented on the Advisory Committee by Jim Johnston, ([thejohnstons1@sympatico.ca](mailto:thejohnstons1@sympatico.ca)) and Susan Morris ([Susan.Morris@camh.net](mailto:Susan.Morris@camh.net)).

## MOHLTC Open Minds, Healthy Minds Policy – Service Collaboratives

In previous bulletins Service Collaboratives were discussed. This is one initiative through which the MOHLTC Mental Health and Addiction Strategy is being implemented. A Service Collaborative is defined as follows:

*Service Collaboratives will bring together service providers and other stakeholders from various sectors that interact with people who have mental health and/or addiction problems, in particular children and youth agencies, justice programs, health providers and educational organizations. By working together to identify and implement system level changes, the Collaboratives will improve individuals' ability to access services, as well as their service experience and health outcomes (Government of Ontario, 2011).*

The CAMH Provincial System Support Program has been given the lead role in implementing eighteen Service Collaboratives. This fall seven additional locations have been announced to add to the original four of Simcoe/Muskoka, Ottawa, London and Thunder Bay. The new locations are Timmins/Cochrane, Kingston/Frontenac, Durham, Peel, Hamilton, Waterloo/Wellington. These will continue with the focus on children and youth and issues related to transitions. Toronto and Champlain will also start a collaborative with a focus on justice issues.

To this point involvement from the developmental or dual diagnosis sectors has been minimal, in part due to the fact that MCSS is not one of the six original government ministries involved in the initiative. Issues regarding IDD child and youth transitions have also not received attention within the first four Collaboratives. NADD Ontario's Government Relations Task group has been liaising with the CAMH System Support Program and MCSS to ensure the information regarding orientation meetings in the new areas is reaching the MCSS Regional Offices and Networks of Specialized Care in the 7 new areas. For more information contact your Community Network of Specialized Care or your Regional MCSS Office.

## Other developments to keep an eye on in Ontario

MPP Christine Elliot's Private Member's Resolution to strike a Select Committee to develop a comprehensive developmental services strategy has died with the prorogation of the legislature. We understand however that Ms. Elliot continues to be very passionate and committed to this cause.

Ontario's Ombudsman Andre Marin has launched an investigation that will focus on two issues – whether the MCSS is adequately responding to urgent situations involving adults with developmental disabilities, and whether it is doing enough to co-ordinate, monitor and facilitate access to services for them.

Information relevant to the investigation can be shared by contacting his office at 1-800-263-1830, [file an online complaint](#) or email [info@ombudsman.on.ca](mailto:info@ombudsman.on.ca)

## HERE AND THERE

### NADD IDD/MI Quality Care Accreditation & Certifications

NADD has introduced an accreditation / certification program for programs, clinicians and direct support professionals. The Direct Support Certification was piloted by Ontario providers and found to be appropriate for our context. Successful completion of the accreditation process reflects that a program demonstrates the provision of state of the art services for individuals with IDD/MI. By accrediting your program and having staff certified by NADD, you are demonstrating devotion to continual improvement of care for individuals with a dual diagnosis. This not only provides an assurance of competency to people receiving services, professional colleagues and employers, but can potentially be a recruitment tool for attracting professionals well-versed within the field of dual diagnosis. For more information: <http://acp.thenadd.org>

### Health Care Access Research in Developmental Disabilities (HCARDD)

HCARDD is in the last year of 3 year funding by CIHR (Partnerships in Health Systems Improvement Program). It is a research partnership with the MOHLTC, MCSS, Surrey Place Centre, the Ontario Chapter of the National Association for the Dually Diagnosed, Northeast LHIN, CAMH, ICES, and Queen's University. Scientists, policy makers and service providers are evaluating the use of primary health care services by people with developmental disabilities (DD) in Ontario. Thus far, HCARDD identified a group of over 60,000 adults with DD in Ontario, which provides one of the largest samples in developmental disabilities research ever. Based on health care data available for this group, for example frequency of cancer screenings, number of hospital visits, or number of drugs prescribed, HCARDD will evaluate whether people with DD receive health care as outlined in the Canadian guidelines for primary care in DD.

### Development Disability and Dual Diagnosis Policy in Canada

A recent article published in the Journal of Policy and Practice in Intellectual Disabilities (Vol. 9 Number 3, Sept 2012) provides a disturbing picture about the legislative and policy context for the field of IDD in Canada. All 13 provinces and territories have mental health legislation with five regions specifically excluding IDD within that statute, 6 regions have broad disability legislation that may include IDD and only 4 of 13 provinces/territories have specific IDD legislation. Only four regions have dual diagnosis policies: Alberta, British Columbia, Ontario and Quebec. This study raised a number of interesting issues regarding the generic vs. population specific public policy approach, exclusionary language, the role of policy and legislation and the implications of a federated system on social policy. Those interested in hearing a presentation on these findings can attend the CARE-ID Teleconference scheduled for February 5, 2013, 12:00 - 1:00 pm, EST.

For more information: [http://care-id.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/teleconference\\_schedule\\_2012-13.pdf](http://care-id.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/teleconference_schedule_2012-13.pdf)

To access the article: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1741-1130.2012.00347.x/abstract>

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## UPDATE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### NADD Ontario Chapter Recognition Award – Call for Nominations

It's that time again – for you to nominate an individual, group or team within Ontario whose contribution to the field of dual diagnosis is consistent with the NADD vision and strategic directions. There are 2 categories of potential recipients:

- family members and persons with developmental disabilities; or
- providers of service, students, academicians, researchers, educators, or administrators.

Recipients will be selected by the Board of NADD Ontario based on their contribution to:

1. Increasing the understanding and awareness of the abilities and needs of individuals with dual diagnosis, and/or
2. Enhancing delivery of services to individuals with a dual diagnosis and their families, and/or
3. Life time achievement.

Anyone can nominate an individual, group or team by completing the form found on the web site: <http://www.naddontario.net/awards/>. (Note: The nominee is not required to be a member of NADD).

All nominations must be made by or endorsed by a member of NADD. The nominee(s) must be aware that their name(s) has been put forward prior to submission of the form. The completed nomination form is submitted by **March 1, 2013** to Alex Conant at [conanta@providencecare.ca](mailto:conanta@providencecare.ca)

### NADD Ontario Family Education Fund

The NADD Ontario board has extended this fund into the calendar year of 2013. It is to support families who want to attend dual diagnosis education and training. The maximum grant is for \$500. The total available for this grant period is \$2,500.00. Applications are due March, June, September, and December of each year. Selections will be done by random draw under the auspices of the Self Determination Task Group. Applicants should be NADD members or a family member who has a child with a dual diagnosis.

For more information or to submit an application please contact [Susan.Morris@camh.ca](mailto:Susan.Morris@camh.ca).

## EVENTS

### Health and Wellbeing in Children, Youth, and Adults with Developmental Disabilities:

November 12 & 13, 2013, Delta Chelsea Hotel, Toronto.

For information: <http://www.healthandwellbeingindd.ca>

### International Certificate Programme in Dual Diagnosis Summer Institute 2012. Brock University.

For information: [dualdiagnosis@brocku.ca](mailto:dualdiagnosis@brocku.ca)

Registration: [www.brocku.ca/dualdiagnosis](http://www.brocku.ca/dualdiagnosis)

## PARTNERSHIP IN ACTION

### Abuse Prevention Training

Behaviour Management of York and Simcoe has developed a comprehensive Abuse Prevention Training Pilot for individuals with IDD who require additional specialized learning supports. Pat Billings afforded Community Living South Simcoe with the opportunity to be a part of this training pilot that was comprised of staff and supervisor training sessions, periods of observation, as well as interaction and problem solving with the individuals. A minimum of 30 minutes was taken with each person along with their support staff who knew the individuals well. This time was used to probe social and other related skills and to experience first hand how each person interacts within his or her environment, their peers and support staff. Bio-psycho-social assessments and personal care protocols were then compiled for each individual with the focus on each person's strength and skills deficits that could make them more or less vulnerable for abuse including: sexual, physical, financial, emotional and verbal. This information was then shared with staff teams at follow up sessions of one hour per team and at that time each team was encouraged to discuss and plan how to use a person centered approach to enhance current skills and support ongoing development to assist each person to be safe in their homes and communities. For individuals who do not communicate verbally this training has provided a valuable resource to maximize safety and abuse prevention.

*For more information contact*

*John Clark, Manager, Behaviour Services of York and Simcoe, MacKenzie Health,  
705-718-0648 ext 2231.*

## SUPPORT RESOURCES

[https://knowledgex.camh.net/amhspecialists/specialized\\_treatment/dual\\_diagnosis/Pages/default.aspx](https://knowledgex.camh.net/amhspecialists/specialized_treatment/dual_diagnosis/Pages/default.aspx).

The CAMH Knowledge Exchange site with resources for Dual Diagnosis. Recently added are video clips that can be viewed by clients, staff and families regarding the emergency room experience, comprehensive assessment, challenging behaviour, making the most of an inpatient admission and other topics. There is a link to the CBC and The Current documentary, as well as to the recently published *Dual Diagnosis: An Information Guide specifically designed for families*. The NADD Ontario Self Determination Task Group provided input to the guide.

[www.vulnerableadultscwr.org](http://www.vulnerableadultscwr.org)

Increasing Safeguards for Vulnerable Adults. Congratulations to the leaders in Central West Region who have launched this site after many years of cross sector work. It includes resources for self advocates, service providers including a protocol outlining how developmental services agencies will work in collaboration with local police and either victim services or local crisis services when responding to a situation of potential abuse involving an adult with a developmental disability.

