



New CEO appointed at the Canadian Mental Health Association, Ontario

TORONTO – January 24, 2005 - As President of the Canadian Mental Health Association, Ontario and on behalf of the Board of Directors, it gives me great pleasure to announce that Karen McGrath has accepted the position of Chief Executive Officer for the Canadian Mental Health Association, Ontario, effective March 1st, 2005. Karen brings to us a distinguished 25 year career, both professionally and as a volunteer, in health care, and in particular in the field of mental health and addictions.

For the past four years of Karen's professional life she has been a Chief Executive Officer for Health and Community Services, Newfoundland & Labrador; two years as CEO for the St John's Region and two years as CEO of the Central Region. These organizations offer programs and services in the areas of child care, family and rehabilitation services, community corrections, mental health, addictions, continuing care, health promotion and health protection.

Her Canada-wide experience as a surveyor for the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation has given Ms. McGrath an extensive knowledge of the Canadian health system. As a volunteer, Karen has served as President of the Newfoundland & Labrador Association of Social Workers, President of the Canadian Mental Health Association, Newfoundland & Labrador Division and, until this appointment, as National President of the Canadian Mental Health Association.

Ms. McGrath holds Bachelor of Social Work and Master of Business Administration degrees from Memorial University in Newfoundland and a Diploma in Health Services Management from the Canadian Hospital Association.

Please join me in welcoming Karen as the Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian Mental Health Association, Ontario

Neil McGregor, President
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