

Institute of Neurosciences, Mental Health and Addiction

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Dear Ms. Desmarais :

Re : Unique Challenges In Mental Health-INMHA Call

Best wishes for a highly successful year. Sorry for the delay in providing you with feedbacks on your submission. We had some misunderstanding as to deadline with one of the readers.

Overall, we are very pleased at INMHA about the outcomes of our call. In spite of a very short timetable in the middle of the Summer, we received over 40 briefs from our stakeholders including from provincial authorities, voluntary organizations, scientists ranging from basic science to clinicians and population health and health services research as well as the private sectors. All briefs were read by three experts from Canada and Europe. Readers were asked to very briefly comment on each brief. Hence, this should not be seen as a usual, extensive peer-review as proposals were too dissimilar and far ranging in term of scope. Four proposals were chosen, and yours is among them, by the experts as the most significant and unique. They are

- Ranked number 1 by all 3 experts:
Developing an understanding of the structures, processes and practices of collaborative mental health care in primary health care that will ensure that Canadians receive effective patient-centered care to meet their needs. Proposal submitted by the **Canadian Collaborative Mental Health Initiative** (Scott Dudgeon, Executive Director & M.A. Gagné, Project Manager)
- **Psychiatric Epigenomics: A national strategy for research in mental health in Canada.** Proposal submitted by **Art Petronis** (Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, U of T).
- **Canadian mental health services knowledge translation network.** Proposal submitted by **A. Lesage** (UdeM), **P. Goering** (UofT) and **E. Goldner** (Simon Fraser U)
- **Research on mental health and addictions: Focus on the needs of children and youth.** Proposal by **T. Russell** (Victoria)

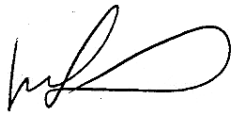
We are hopeful that suggestions contained in these briefs will be included in our next strategic plan (2006-2011). This will hopefully lead to special requests for applications and funding for research projects on these topics. We already have a joint request for applications with NI DA, NI H (USA) on epigenetics and drug of abuse. We are also in close contact with the Kirby Committee and the proposed Commission in Mental Health (<http://www.parl.gc.ca/38/1/parlbus/commbus/senate/com-e/soci-e/rep-/rep16nov05-e.htm>) in order for those briefs to be seriously considered by the relevant authorities.

As to your proposal, comments made by the experts can be summarized as follows:

Excellent and strong proposal covering collaborative mental health in primary care and delivery of treatment to the population.

In the context of our second strategic plan, I NMHA is also considering bringing together all stakeholders who submitted a brief in order to exchange ideas and move the whole research agenda forward. You and your group spent many hours working on these briefs and we want to make sure that we make the most out of all your exciting proposals and suggestions. Do not hesitate to contact us for more information or if you have suggestions as to next step.

Congratulations and thanks again for all your inputs and interests.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Quirion', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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Encl.: List of the titles of all briefs

UNIQUE CHALLENGES
September 30, 2005 Deadline Call

Submitted briefs

- Developing Research Capacity in the Complex Mental Health Environment
- Linkages, Collaboration, Simplifying Language, Knowledge Transfer
- Psychiatry Epigenomics: A National Strategy for Research in Mental Health in Canada
- Self Care, Seeking Treatment; Stigma; Fractionated Health Care; Common Concepts; Terminology; Policies and Service Delivery; New Agency Focused on KT
- First Nations, Inuit & Metis; Integration and Integration of Differences; Culturally Sensitive Approach; KT
- Depression - Adolescent; Stigma; Early Recognition; Create Language Understood by All; More \$\$ for Youth Mental Health Research
- The Case for a University-Community Network for Mental and Neurological Disorders and Disabilities
- Towards a Cure for Tardive Motor Complications Associated with Long-term Antipsychotic Drug Use
- Synapse Formation, Function and Dysfunction in Disease: A Priority Area for the CIHR Institute of Neurosciences
- KT Network (similar to Alberta); Research Synthesis and Translation; Health Services KT
- Addictions/Toxicomanies; Services intégrés; Co-morbidité - santé mentale, et toxicomanie
- CNS Penetration of Drug
- Bring Back Neurology/Psychiatry Together
- Treatment Resistance Across Psychiatric Disorders; KT
- Network; Evidence-based Practices (Schools etc.); Focus on Child Health
- Dimensions scientifiques, professionnelles et sociales du recours aux médicaments psychotropes
- Consciousness; Biology/Sociology - Impact on Mental Health Illnesses
- Factors in Common Between Addiction and Psychosis
- Child & Adolescent Psychiatry; Suicide etc.; Stronger Link with Academic and Health Authorities
- Addiction - Criminalization; Dementia; Schizophrenia; Control Hypertension is Key
- Poverty in Mental Health and Illnesses
- Recherche clinique; Diffusion d'info KT; Psychosociaux/Biologiques; Stigmatisation; Co-morbidité
- Aboriginal Mental Health (ARCH Psychological Services, Edmonton)
- Improving Recovery From Depression In the Population
- Adolescent Offenders; Transformative Justice Model
- Youth Addiction; From KC to KT Using Media Company; Drug Awareness Program

- National Strategy on Alzheimer's Disease; More Research; More Prevention)
- Toward Better Collaboration & Continuity of Services
- Substance Use Concurrent with Psychiatric Disorders: Development of a National Plan with Regard to Research, Education, and Assessment
- Tobacco, Mental Health, Co-Morbidity
- Mental Illness as Part of Recovery, Health Promotion, and Community-based Care; Separate Institutions and Psychosocial; Participation Action Research
- Consumer-centered Approval; KT is Key; KC to KT
- Prevalence Dementia/Depression/Services and Aging Population; Psychosocial Research
- Action Research and Race-based Analysis of Racialized Communities in Canadian Mental Health
- Potential Commonalities Underlying Mental Health/Distress, Substance Abuse, Social Problems, and Injuries
- Measuring Prevalence of Concurrent Disorders; Treatment and Prevention
- Re-allocation of CIHR Money To Develop a Mental Health Research in each Institute; National Action Plan; National Mental Health Charity; Office for Coordination of Federal Government Activities Related to Mental Health Issues; Canada's Mental Health Guide
- Centre for Research on Psychosocial Interventions and Mental Health in Canada (CRPIMHC)