

Setting the Policy Agenda: Older Persons' Mental Health and Addictions

May 17, 2006 ~ Agenda

TIME (P.M.)	TOPIC
1:00 - 1:20	<p>Welcome and Introduction to Symposium <i>Paul Williams & Janet Lum, CRNCC, Randi Fine OPMHAN</i></p>
1:20 - 1:50	<p>Keynote Speaker <i>Bill Wilkerson</i> Co-Founder and CEO of the Global Business and Economic Roundtable on Addictions and Mental Health</p>
1:50 - 2:15	<p>Questions and Discussion Moderated by <i>Randi Fine</i></p>
2:15 - 2:30	<p>Refreshment Break</p>
2:30 - 3:20	<p>Panel <i>Robert Eves</i>, ED, Community Outreach Programs in Addictions (COPA) <i>Faith Malach</i>, ED, Canadian Coalition for Seniors Mental Health <i>Jim McMinn</i>, Director, Senior Services, LOFT Community Services, Toronto <i>Laura Pisko-Bezruchko</i>, Senior Director, Planning, Integration and Community Engagement, Toronto Central LHIN</p>
3:20 - 3:50	<p>Questions and Discussion Moderated by <i>Janet Lum</i></p>
3:50 - 4:10	<p>Summary and Wrap-up <i>Raisa Deber, CRNCC</i></p>
4:10- 4:15	<p>Closing Remarks <i>Paul Williams, CRNCC</i></p>

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Speakers (*In order of appearance*)

A. Paul Williams

Professor, Department of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation (HPME), University of Toronto

Paul has taught and published nationally and internationally on health systems and health policy, with emphasis on the role of community-based services in maintaining the health and well-being of seniors. He is the Co-Chair of the Canadian Research Network for Care in the Community (CRNCC). He is also Co-director of the CIHR Team in Home and Community Care and Health Human Resources, where he leads research examining the "balance" of institutional and community-based care for seniors, children and ethno-racial communities.

Janet Lum

Associate Professor, Department of Politics and Public Administration, Ryerson University

Janet is the Co-Chair of the Canadian Research Network for Care in the Community. She is also involved in a number of multi-year, multi-university projects including a CIHR Team Grant on Community Care and Health Human Resources and a SCHRC funded project on Community Support Services at the Margins: how community support agencies mediate the impact of health and social services restructuring. Janet was the academic lead on a United Way funded project studying the role of Community Service Agencies in providing community support services to help maintain the health and well-being of seniors. As a research associate at the Joint Centre of Excellence for Research in Immigration and Settlement, she has investigated issues faced by racial minority seniors.

Randi Fine

Executive Director, Older Persons Mental Health and Addictions Network of Ontario (OPMHAN)

Randi was the primary founder of the Community Health Centre at the Bernard Betel Centre in Toronto, the coordinator of the first provincial (and then national) project to examine seniors' involvement in the self-help /mutual aid movement, and Executive Director of the Self-Help Resource Centre, the Family Caregivers' Support Network and the Ontario Self-Help Network. Randi has worked with, and on behalf of, seniors in the community for many years. She has a background in community organizational social work, health administration, and health promotion.

Bill Wilkerson

Co-Founder and CEO of the Global Business and Economic Roundtable on Addictions and Mental Health

Bill Wilkerson is a five-time award winner for his leadership in promoting mental health in the workplace and fighting discrimination. Bill is a business executive and Co-Founder and CEO of the Global Business and Economic Roundtable on Mental Health. He will discuss the advance of depressive disorders through the workforce and its impact on employees as they grow older. He will describe a comprehensive plan to promote and protect the mental health of the active work force and retirees.

Robert Eves

ED, Community Outreach Programs in Addictions (COPA)

Robert holds a Masters Degree in Social Work from the University of Toronto and a Bachelor Degree from Queen's University. He has worked in the field of addictions for over a decade. Robert has a wide range of experience in community program development and management, and addictions counseling. COPA is a Toronto agency offering innovative community-based services to older adults experiencing problems related to substance use.

Faith Malach

ED, Canadian Coalition for Seniors Mental Health (CCSMH)

Faith is an Adjunct Practice Lecturer in the Faculty of Social Work at the University of Toronto. She completed both her Master of Health Science and Health Administration (MHSc) and Master of Social Work (MSW) degrees at the University of Toronto. Her clinical social work was carried out at Baycrest both in the community and in complex continuing care settings. Her subsequent administrative management experience includes work in London England, at Baycrest, the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care and the CCSMH. As a young, emerging health care leader, Faith has presented to the Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology, sits as an advisor to multiple National and Provincial committees and has facilitated the development of seniors' mental health clinical guidelines, the first of their kind in Canada.

Jim McMinn

Director, Senior Services, LOFT Community Services, Toronto

Jim McMinn, for more than 25 years, has been directly involved in the provision of supportive housing and other community-based services for older adults and seniors. As Director of Seniors' Services at LOFT Community Services, for the past 15 years, he has been and continues to be a committed advocate for people who have serious mental illness, addictions, and those at-risk of being homeless. Jim has also served in the role of administrator for LOFT's long-term care facility and is presently a member of the Steering Committee of OPHMAN (Older Persons Mental Health and Addictions Network). He has been a member of numerous advisory committees related to older adults, seniors and supportive housing issues.

Laura A. Pisko-Bezruchko,

Senior Director, Planning, Integration and Community Engagement, Toronto Central Local Health Integration Network (LHIN)

Laura brings more than 20 years experience in the public sector; most recently, Laura was Director of Strategy, Cardiac Program, at SickKids. Laura worked in the hospital sector before holding various executive level positions within the Ontario Public Service, including the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care and the Ontario Seniors Secretariat. Laura has served on the Ontario Paediatric Cardiac Network, and the boards of the Cardiac Care Network of Ontario, the Canadian Inter-provincial Lottery Corporation and the Ontario Multiple Organ Retrieval and Exchange Program. Laura is actively involved with the United Way of York Region. She holds an Honours B.Sc. in Health Studies from the University of Waterloo, a Masters in Health Administration (M.H.A.) from Ottawa University and is a graduate of the Executive Program at the Ivey School of Business.

Raisa Deber

Professor, Health Policy, Management and Evaluation (HPME), University of Toronto

Raisa has lectured and published extensively on Canadian health policy, and advised numerous local, provincial, national and international bodies and served on editorial boards and review panels. Her current research centers around Canadian health policy. Projects include examination of where nurses work and the factors associated with differential "stickiness" across sub-sectors, what's in and out of the basket of services, and public and private roles in the financing and delivery of health services (with a focus on long term care). She is currently the director of M-THAC (From Medicare to Home and Community): Overtaking the Limits of Publicly-funded Healthcare in Canada, a community alliance health research program funded by the Canadian Institute of Health Research, and is Co-Director of a new CIHR Team in Community Care and Health Human Resources.