



HOMELESSNESS PROJECT SITE CO-ORDINATORS

Catharine Hume – Vancouver

Catharine has worked in the mental health field for the past 16 years. She has held a number of positions with the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA), at both national and provincial levels. From 2003-2007, Catharine was the Director of Policy and Research with CMHA BC Division and oversaw a number of initiatives including a homeless outreach project; a police-mental health system initiative and a peer support initiative within the child and youth mental health sector.

Catharine has evaluated community-based mental health systems in a number of BC communities. Most recently, she worked as a Program Director with the Vancouver Foundation where she was responsible for developing and implementing a roadmap for the Foundation's focus on homelessness. Catharine has a Masters of Health Science from the University of Toronto and a certificate in conflict resolution from the Justice Institute of British Columbia.

Marcia Thomson – Winnipeg

Marcia comes to the Commission from the Manitoba Provincial Government where she worked in a number of capacities for over 30 years. Marcia's formal education is in social work, policy and administration. She has also undertaken numerous career development initiatives, including the Queen's University leadership development program.

Marcia has extensive background in leadership and management, institutional and community based policy, programs and service delivery in Health and Healthy Living, Justice and Family Services and Housing.

Marcia has direct experience in service delivery in several regions of Manitoba, with her most recent portfolio(s) carrying province-wide assignments. In addition to her role as Project Co-ordinator, Marcia is currently working with the Manitoba Health and Healthy Living. She is looking at a joint mandate to address housing for high-risk populations serviced by the health and family services systems.



One of Marcia's interests and areas of involvement throughout the various government portfolios she has carried with the Aboriginal community, both at the service delivery and political level. Marcia has a strong history of encouraging and mentoring Aboriginal staff and Aboriginal representation on various government initiatives.

Lucille Bruce - Winnipeg

Lucille Bruce, is an Aboriginal woman from Manitoba with over 18 years experience working with the Urban Aboriginal Community of Winnipeg . In addition to her role as a Site Coordinator for the Homelessness Project, she is the Executive Director of the Native Women's Transition Centre, a long-term safe house for Aboriginal women and children.

Lucille has played a strong leadership and advocacy role in establishing 'culturally relevant' services and programs for Aboriginal families in Winnipeg. She was the founding member of Memengwaa Place (1992); the Ndinawe Youth Safe House (1994); and in partnership with sister agencies helped found Wabhung Abinoonjiag (1996), and the Oyate Tipi Warehouse(2003).

Lucille has substantial experience and knowledge in working with Aboriginal families who have experienced marginalization due to systemic neglect, poverty, addictions, mental health problems and family violence. Lucille uses a collaborative approach and this was particularly successful when she worked on projects addressing the gaps and needs of Aboriginal peoples in the Inner-city of Winnipeg. Lucille serves on grassroots, regional and national boards, as well as government committees such as Oyate Tipi, Kekinan Centre , the Winnipeg Housing & Homelessness Community Advisory Board, the Manitoba Urban Aboriginal Native Housing Association, and the Aboriginal Partnership Sub-Committee –Urban Aboriginal Strategy.

Claudette Bradshaw – Moncton

Fluently Bilingual in both official languages, Claudette was born and educated in Moncton, New Brunswick. She worked in the community-based, non-profit sector for twenty-seven years where she developed and operated youth services, community social services, and programs for high risk children and their families.

Claudette has developed strong community networks and alliances across Canada. She was elected as the Member of Parliament for Moncton-Riverview-Dieppe (1997 to 2006); and she served as Minister of Labour, Multi-culturalism, Status of Women,



Literacy, and Minister responsible for Homelessness Initiatives in Canada. In 2006, Claudette was named to head the New Brunswick Premier's Task Force On the state of Community Non-Profit Agencies. Claudette continues to conduct workshops and give speaking engagements with special attention to the problems of literacy and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders.

Sonia Côté - Montreal

Sonia has nearly a decade of experience in helping to find the best supports for people living with a mental illness. She was most recently the Administrator and Head of Service for mental health housing services, at Hôpital du Sacré-Coeur in Montreal. Her role included the management and development of residential, social housing and follow-up services. She has also been a consultant in the area of planning and coordination of mental health care services, and has been in charge of intake and admissions for an adult mental health program in Quebec.

Mental health issues have been an important part of Sonia's work over the years, and in the late 90's she helped found an organization dedicated to providing follow-up and psychosocial support for people with mental health problems. Sonia's formal education includes degrees in Social Science (Sociology and Criminology), Applied Sciences (Urban Planning) and Spanish. She also holds a certificate in Environmental Studies.

Faye More - Toronto

Faye recently retired from the Ontario public service where she served for approximately 30 years and developed extensive experience in the health and social service sectors. Her roles included Senior Policy Analyst for Mental Health and Addictions and Senior Program Analyst for the Mental Health and Addictions Branch.

Faye was a member of approximately 12 inter-ministerial projects and initiatives including the Ontario Mental Health 10-Year Strategy and the Service Enhancement Initiative aimed at keeping persons with mental illness out of the criminal justice system.

Faye served as the Lead/Chair of several of these initiatives including the *2008 Revised Dual Diagnosis Guideline* and the *Review of Crisis Short-Term Residential Bed Programs*. Faye also has a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of Guelph.