



MHCC INTERNAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Calgary, AB February 6, 2009 - The Mental Health Commission of Canada is pleased to welcome its two first members of “**Partners for Mental Health.**”

Sandra Bray and Louise Pajot-Phipps have been hired as Program Managers to oversee this initiative. They will help coordinate a nationwide volunteer movement designed to shine a spotlight on mental health.

Sandra Bray joins the Commission with over 25 years of experience in both corporate and not-for-profit mental health organizations. She has a long history of volunteer coordination and management, most recently as Manager of Volunteer Resources at Alberta Health Services.

Ms. Bray’s extensive knowledge and experience in the mental health field has allowed her to lead a wide range of programs from helping volunteers to improve their advocacy skills, to developing support programs for people living with mental and physical illness.

Louise Pajot-Phipps gained her extensive managerial experience through her work as a Human Resources manager overseeing a merger of three firms. Her most recent role as Program Coordinator at the Calgary Catholic Immigration Society allowed her to gain a significant background in recruiting, managing and retaining a network of volunteers. She has also developed various training materials.

Ms. Pajot-Phipps was formerly a Chartered Accountant by profession and is bilingual. She is a member of the Association of Directors of Volunteer Resources.

Both women will be based out of the Commission’s Calgary office.