



INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN CONSUMER CONSULTATIONS

The Mental Health Commission of Canada (MHCC) recognizes that an ample supply and range of quality community housing and related supports is important to successful community living and recovery for persons living with mental health problems and illnesses and/or addictions issues. The MHCC has funded the Community Support and Research Unit (CSRU) of the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) and the Canadian Council on Social Development (CCSD) to conduct research on the current housing and related supports for people living with mental health problems and illnesses and/or addictions issues in Canada. Related supports include services that help find, access, and maintain housing, such as intensive case management, assertive community treatment teams, and crisis services. This work will inform the development of a Mental Health Strategy for Canada.

The National Network for Mental Health is partnering with CSRU and CCSD to further understand consumers' experiences of housing and related supports. Your input is greatly appreciated and valuable in informing the research team on the experiences of housing and related supports for adults living with mental health problems and illnesses and/or addictions issues across Canada.

The National Network for Mental Health will be hosting a series of online discussions (webinars) to hear your perspectives. Webinars will be facilitated by **David Reville** and will run for approximately 1.5 to 2 hours. **We know your time and energy is valuable, so, we will compensate all participants with \$30.00.** Participation is limited to 12 persons per webinar session.

Participation is confidential. Your name will remain anonymous and your user identification will be kept confidential and will not appear in any of the reports, publications or presentations that result from this project. Anonymous direct quotes might be used in future reports.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR INTERESTED PARTICIPANTS

If you are interested in participating in the online consultation, you may choose to do so in one of the following ways:

1. **Participate by teleconference.** To participate by teleconference, participants will only need a phone and dial-in information (e.g., the toll-free number to call and a participant code to enter). Participating by teleconference means you can speak and listen; however, you will not be able to see the facilitator or any other participants.

Conference Number(s): 1-866-231-6479

Participant Code: 441106

2. **Attend by webcast.** To attend by webcast and also see the presenters, participants will only need a computer and speakers. To attend the webcast click here: <http://nmmh.na4.acrobat.com/housing/> on the appropriate date. Select "Enter as Guest" and then enter your name when prompted.

3. **Attend by webcast and present.** To attend by webcast and present yourself, participants will need a computer, speakers and a webcam or microphone. To attend the webcast click here: <http://nnmh.na4.acrobat.com/housing/> on the appropriate date. Select “Enter as Guest” and then enter your name when prompted.

Please note that we will be hosting webinars by region. Here are the dates and times by region:

BRITISH COLUMBIA: Tuesday, February 23rd – 9am-11am PST

ALBERTA: Tuesday, February 23rd – 10am-12pm MST

MANITOBA: Thursday, February 25th – 9am-11am CST

SASKATCHEWAN: Thursday, February 25th – 9am-11am CST

QUEBEC: Monday, March 1st – 2pm-4pm EST {this discussion will be in French} *This webinar is now cancelled and a new date will be announced*

NEW BRUNSWICK: Tuesday, February 23rd – 10am – 12pm AST

NOVA SCOTIA: Tuesday, February 23rd – 10am – 12pm AST

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND: Tuesday, February 23rd – 10am – 12pm AST

NEWFOUNDLAND and LABRADOR: Tuesday, February 23rd – 10:30am – 12:30pm NST; and 10am-12pm AST (Labrador)

ONTARIO: Friday, February 26th – 9am-11am EST

NORTH WEST TERRITORIES: Friday, February 26th – 10am – 12pm MST

YUKON: Friday, February 26th – 9am – 11am PST

NUNAVUT: Friday, February 26th – 12pm – 2pm EST

REGISTRATION

Please register by following the link below and completing the required information.

<http://nnmh.ca/housing/Home/tabid/658/ctl/Register/language/en-CA/Default.aspx?returnurl=%2fDefault.aspx%3falias%3dnnmh.ca%2fhousing>

OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION

Prior to participating in the webinar, it is useful for participants to [test their computer](#) to make sure that they are set up with all of the tools they will need to participate in the webinar.

For more information about Connect Pro (the program used to host the webinar) click on the following link for an informational video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2syFXr6pRZ8> OR visit the program website at <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobatconnectpro/>

If you are still experiencing difficulties, and wish to participate in the webinar contact Nick Kerman at 416-535-8501 ext. 3170 or nick_kerman@camh.net and he will be able to help you.

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you. **Please register by February 19th, 2010.**