



National Network for Mental Health Réseau national pour la santé mentale

The Board of Directors Report – 2014-2015 From the Members of the Working Board

The Board of Directors has been actively working to ensure that the NNMH has a direction and will find our voice once again with limited funds we were working without senior staff. The board had remained as a working board with the help of our new support staff. That is why the board is reporting on behalf of the whole organization.

Unfortunately in the spring and summer of 2014 we had some board members leave and due to the budget restraints coming into the 2013 -2014 funding year the position of Executive Director had to be cut and we thanked Julie Flatt at the end of April 2014. That is when we became a working board.

In October 2014 the SDPP-D advised the board that we would be funded for the coming year. We worked on the proposal for the 2014-2015 and made an agreement that we would meet bi-weekly until the documents were signed off so we could ensure that the board was in agreement of the proposal that was put forward.

On October 14, 2014 the NNMH Board of Directors called a special meeting of the membership to pass a resolution that the Corporation of the National Network for Mental Health apply for a Certificate of Continuance under the newly changed not-for-profit act. The new act replaces the 100 year old Canada Corporations Act which is was our charitable status is granted. The membership voted unanimously that the NNMH membership agreed and directed the board to apply for the Certificate of Continuance.

Ellen attended the conference in October 2014 CMHA National Conference in Calgary and some networking with former board members and members of the Coalition of Alternative Mental Health Resources. A few of the members from the CMHA Council of People with Lived Experience to discuss the possible work that can be done together. During that conference our funders contacted Ellen and advised her that the NNMH would be receiving funding for 2015-2016 based on a percentage of funding that was part of the collaboration with three other organizations.

We were grateful that in November 2014 we were able to get a provincial federal wage subsidy grant to hire a staff person part time that was a tremendous help to the board. We also had a few dollars to hire someone to do the IT.

In December we spoke with the GBF who advise that it would be beneficial to see if we could reorganize the Coalition. Although we did try to reach out people were not very interested in carrying out the mandate of the CCAMHR. We did have another meeting with the Council of People with Lived Experience in the fall to discuss the possible collaboration between the NNMH and the Council.

We did recruit a new board member from Northern Quebec the Cree Nation,

Ken Matoush he is First Nation, speaking fluent Cree, French, and English. Ken is a welcome addition to the NNMH Board of Directors.