



Dear Colleague

It is well documented that the vast majority of people with addiction and mental health problems are being treated in the primary care system. The development of Family Health Teams and the continued growth of Community Health Centres represent an emerging primary care infrastructure that provides many opportunities for increased coordination of services and clinical collaboration between the primary care system and specialty hospitals like the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH)

CAMH is particularly well positioned to play a significant role in helping to enhance addiction and mental health capacity within a reformed primary care system by extending our professional education efforts to a broader range of health professionals, increasing our ability to incorporate best practice, to provide expert and timely consultations and to develop, disseminate and evaluate evidence-based, collaborative models of care.

Supporting primary care reform embodies CAMH's commitment to improving care and building integrated and collaborative approaches to discovering, sharing and applying new knowledge

It is important that the resources being developed are appropriate for the professionals on the health team and delivered in a manner that is accessible. In order to do this, we will seek advice in a variety of ways, through consultations, surveys and focus groups.

We look forward to partnering with Family Health Teams and Community Health Centres regarding the development of these professional primary care resources.

For information about our primary care projects, please contact Christine Bois at Christine_Bois@camh.net or for more information about the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, our web site is <http://www.camh.net/>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Moore".

Robert Moore
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