

# Steering Committee Introductions

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**Raquel Beauvais-Godard** is the Program Director at the Canadian Mental Health Association – Champlain East. She is a strong advocate of the recovery model, overseeing the mental health, addictions and concurrent disorders supportive services offered by the Branch in the communities of Stormont, Dundas, & Glengarry, Prescott-Russell, and Akwesasne. She is passionate about person-centered services that engage the client in the development of their own recovery plan, as well as working collaboratively with community services to meet the complex socio-ecological needs of the clients and families served in rural areas.

**Suzanne Obiorah** is the Director for Primary Care and Regional Programs at Somerset West Community Health Centre. She is a strong advocate for client centered processes and passionate about advancing equitable health services. With a particular focus on client experiences of racialized groups, Suzanne hopes to advance systems that narrow the gaps in health disparities, challenge the status quo of our health care and push for non-traditional approaches in our health care delivery.

**Bill Dare** is a family member and social worker, working in community mental health with people living with mental illness; interest in how we can bridge Information Communication Technology, recovery & service transition practices. <http://socialhealthpracticeottawa.wordpress.com>

**Catherine Corey** is a member of the Constituency Council for CAMH in Toronto. She is the past co-chair of the AMHNC and past chair of the FAC. She has experience in both addictions and mental health. She is very interested in capacity building initiatives and has been a lead in the Rollercoaster to Recovery handbook. She has an excellent grasp of the family challenges within the system and an understanding of the challenges of those with lived experience finding pathways to recovery that meet their goals.

**Chris Clapp** is the Manager of Community Programs and Partnerships at Seaway Valley Community Health Care. She gets excited about collaborative work among diverse agencies, recognizing the strengths from all partners to provide enhanced care for the community. Rural health care and recognizing the need for supports closest to home is something Chris champions, from an equity lens and including those most marginalized such as those within the LGBTQ+ community. Chris believes strongly that social inclusion, peer support and wellness are also key factors to good mental health for all.

**Cynthia Clark (Hons B.A.)** is Chair of the Ontario Family Caregivers' Advisory Network (OFCAN) and founding member of Parents' Lifelines of Eastern Ontario (PLEO). She has over 14 years of experience in the delivery of programs to family members of individuals with serious mental illness and was a valued employee of the Schizophrenia Society of Ontario for 12 years. Over the past 20 years she has sat on many local, provincial and national committees and continues to be an active advocate for quality mental health care.

**Deborah Andrews** is the Health Services Director for The South East Ottawa Community Health Center. She has worked with a variety of populations including those characterized by mental health and addictions where she brings both lived and professional experience. She has particular expertise in working with vulnerable and marginalized populations. Deborah currently sits on the board of Geriatric Psychiatric Community Services and The Canadian Mental Health Association (Ottawa Chapter). Deborah aims to deliver high quality health services through effective teamwork, partnership, and collaboration focusing on leadership, accountability, mutual respect and compassion.



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**Dr. Kim Corace** is a clinical psychologist and Director of Clinical Programming and Research, Substance Use and Concurrent Disorders Program at the Royal. She is passionate about a mental health and addiction system that actively involves and engages individuals and families in their care plan, allows for smooth and seamless transitions between services and agencies, and ensures organizations work together to ensure coordinated, evidenced-based care for all. Much of her work has been in building partnerships, fostering system-wide collaborations, and building capacity within the system to treat concurrent disorders.

**Robert Comeau** is a Peer Support Worker with the Montfort ACCT and is a Registered Practical Nurse. He is a francophone and very much enjoys working in/with the francophone community. He has seen the system from many sides, as a consumer, as a provider and as a family member. Robert has witnessed the hurdles consumers face but also understands the bureaucratic issues that providers face and the too frequent disconnect between the two sides.

**Kevin Barclay, Ex-officio: Champlain LHIN**, is a Sub-Region Director with the Champlain LHIN. His portfolios include telemedicine, mental health and addictions. He came to the LHIN following more than two decades of health system planning and development at the local, regional and national level and holds a Master's degree from Carleton University.

**David Hesidence, Ex-officio: Pathways to Better Care**, David currently reports to the President and CEO of the Royal Ottawa Health Care Group, and is focused on assessing mental health and addictions needs, identifying gaps, developing new services and transforming service delivery models to fill those gaps. He is a certified Project Management Professional and a Lean Healthcare Black Belt with prior experience in general, project and product management in a global IT company. He obtained his MSc after graduating from the Healthcare Quality Program offered by Queens University. David is also an addictions counselor in supervised private practice serving the Ottawa community. He has been admitted to the College of Psychotherapy of Ontario as a Registered Psychotherapist.



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