



**Canadian Mental  
Health Association**  
British Columbia  
*Mental health for all*

**Association canadienne  
pour la santé mentale**  
Colombie-Britannique  
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May 25, 2017

**From:** Bev Gutray, CEO, CMHA BC

**Re:** Update in staffing

**Dulcie McCallum**  
Honorary Patron

**Shelagh Rogers**  
Honorary Patron

**Margaret Trudeau**  
Honorary Patron

Dear CMHA BC and Healthy Minds | Healthy Campuses stakeholders,

Jonny Morris, Senior Director of Policy, Research and Planning, is leaving CMHA BC after nine years of service. Jonny is moving on to a new position within the Ministry of Health as Director of Planning and Strategic Priorities. His last day with CMHA BC is June 2, 2017.

I have had the pleasure of working with Jonny for almost nine years. I am sad, but pleased, to see that he is able to move on to a strategic role with the Ministry of Health. I am confident we will continue to work together in complementary roles. Jonny is a dedicated and creative leader, recruited as a student from UVic and oriented and trained by the late Dr. Nancy Hall.

Jonny and I have worked closely in the development of CMHA BC's [Confident Parents: Thriving Kids](#) coaching program, supporting branch development, facilitating branch strategic planning, and co-creating our current public policy campaign, [#b4stage4](#).

I will miss Jonny as a key member of the Executive team and a true CMHA leader in BC. Please join me in wishing him well.

*From Jonny:*

I was hired into CMHA BC after being interviewed by the late Dr. Nancy Hall and Sarah Wiebe, who was the past coordinator for the BC Campus Project (now Healthy Minds | Healthy Campuses). My first day was July 8, 2008, and I immediately fell in love with the work of this organization, as well as my mandate over two days per week to try and improve mental health and well-being for students at campuses across BC.

Following these early days in my tenure here, I was offered the opportunity to take on Sarah Hamid-Balma's role as Director of Mental Health Promotion during her maternity leave (I learned lots!), and then moved into a series of leadership roles responsible for provincial programs, policy, branch relations, our operations in Victoria, and other strategic initiatives. Somehow, I've managed to hold on to Campus all this time.

As I look back on the past nine years here, I feel tremendous gratitude and hope about our collective strides toward mental health for all. I look at the #b4stage4 campaign and how we have actually changed thinking about mental health and addiction as our ideas were reflected in political party platforms and recent campaign conversations. I notice our strong and effective relationships with government and partners, and the credibility we have as the go-to



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organization for comment and input. As I look at the data that emerges from our key programs I feel such pride in working for an organization that truly makes a difference in the everyday lives of people living with mental illness and addiction—there's so much more I could say about the difference this organization makes to the landscape of mental health and addiction in this province and beyond.

One of the most important pieces of my time at CMHA BC involves the people I've worked with. I have learned so much from the people on my team, my colleagues here at CMHA BC Division and across the CMHA family, our Board members and volunteers, and from the people we serve every day.

I am especially grateful for all of the learning opportunities I've had through my close work with Bev, our CEO. I have always been inspired by her vision. I've had the privilege of working across a number of portfolios here at CMHA BC and, it's true—no day is ever the same.

Sincerely,

Jonny

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Contacts for interim matters related to Jonny's current role after June 2, 2017:

**Bev Gutray**, for all matters related to public policy, the Child & Youth Collaborative, and media relations.

**Katie Hughes**, Senior Director of Operations, for matters related to branch development and support, fundraising, and Victoria program operations.

**Sarah Hamid-Balma**, Director of Mental Health Promotion, for matters related to campus mental health that are strategic or require consultation.

Bev Gutray, CEO  
CMHA BC Division