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26^e rassemblement annuel d'équipes psychogériatriques de l'Ontario

Ellen Buchman, MD, CCFP, FCFP

Dr. Ellen Buchman is a family physician with special interest in dementia, caregivers and mindfulness-based practices. She is a staff physician at the Toronto Memory Program, involved in patient care, Alzheimer Disease research and clinical trials, and Mindfulness-based Stress Reduction for Caregivers. She is a lecturer in the Department of Family and Community Medicine in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto.

Tim Burns

Tim Burns has been with the province since 1988. He started at the Ministry of Housing and has worked in various capacities on Community Economic Development, Labour Market and Social Assistance Issues and in Information Management. He joined the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care in 2000 and is currently the Director of the Performance Improvement and Compliance Branch. The role of this group is to work with delivery partners to accelerate sustainable health system performance and quality improvement in areas of provincial priority and to deliver quality assurance programs such as the Compliance Management Program for Long-Term Care Homes. In his capacity as Director, PICB, he has led the development of several successful provincial programs that support health service providers in improving the quality of services they provide to patients and residents, including the Emergency Department Process Improvement Program (ED-PIP) and the Residents First initiative in Long Term Care (in partnership with the Ontario Health Quality Council). He also leads the redesign of the Long Term Care Compliance Management Program.

Tiffany Chow, MD, MSc

Dr. Tiffany Chow is a Senior Clinician-Scientist at the Rotman Research Institute, staff Behavioural Neurologist at Baycrest's Brain Health Centre - Ross Memory Clinic, and holds a dual appointment as Assistant Professor of Neurology and Geriatric Psychiatry with the University of Toronto. Dr. Chow serves patients with early-onset dementias in her Baycrest clinic. Her research explores the use of PET imaging to identify reasonable biomarkers for Frontotemporal Dementia, Mild Cognitive Impairment, and Alzheimer's disease.

Dr. Chow's commitment to caregiver issues in dementia motivates her active participation as a Medical Advisory Council member of the international Association for Frontotemporal Dementias. More locally, she serves as Board member of the Alzheimer's Society of Toronto. She also serves as a Medical Advisor to Dancing with Parkinson's, a non-profit organization based in Toronto.

Carole Cohen, MD, FRCP

Dr. Cohen is a geriatric psychiatrist. She received her medical training at McGill University, and did her residency in psychiatry and a fellowship in geriatric psychiatry at the University of Toronto. She is a Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Toronto and Clinical Director of the Community Psychiatric Services for the Elderly at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre. Dr. Cohen is a consultant to the Capacity Assessment Office of the Ministry of the Attorney General of Ontario and has served on the boards of many local community agencies providing legal and social services to seniors.

David Conn, MD, FRCPC

Dr. Conn is the Vice-President of Education and Director of the Centre for Education & Knowledge Exchange at Baycrest Centre. He is a Professor in the Department of Psychiatry, University of

Toronto. He is founding Co-Chair of the Canadian Coalition for Seniors' Mental Health and Chair of the Coalition's National Guidelines Project.

He completed his Medical Degree at Trinity College, Dublin, and his training in psychiatry was carried out at the University of Toronto. He subsequently completed a Fellowship in Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. He joined the Department of Psychiatry at Baycrest in 1983 and served as Department Chief from 1992 to 2010. He is the Medical Director of the Mood and Related Disorders Clinic. He has a keen interest in telemedicine and is Medical Director of Telehealth Services at Baycrest.

His academic interests include nursing home psychiatry, guideline development and late life mood disorders. He is the co-editor of three textbooks including "Practical Psychiatry in the Long-Term Care Home: A Handbook for Staff". He received the 2005 Canadian Academy of Geriatric Psychiatry Award for Outstanding Contributions to Geriatric Psychiatry in Canada and a Distinguished Service Award from the International Psychogeriatric Association in 2009. He has also received the Ivan Silver Award for Excellence in Continuing Mental Health Education and the Henry Durost Award for Excellence in Creative Professional Activity in the Department of Psychiatry, University of Toronto. In 2010 he was co-recipient of the CIHR Betty Havens Award for Knowledge Translation in Aging.

He is currently a Board member of the International Psychogeriatric Association (IPA) and Chairs the IPA Task Force on Mental Health services to Long-Term Care Homes.

Michael Gordon, MD, MSc, FRCPC

Michael Gordon, MD, MSc, FRCPC, FACP, FRCPEdin, is a regular contributor and commentator on the joys and problems of the elderly for various TV programmes and radio shows. In addition, he has published numerous articles in both the professional press in the United States and Canada and is frequently interviewed for the popular press on issues related to aging.

He is currently Professor of Medicine in the Division of Geriatrics at the University of Toronto, Medical Program Director of Palliative Care and Former Vice President of Medical Services and Head of Geriatrics and Internal Medicine at Toronto's Baycrest Geriatric Health Care System and a Member of the University of Toronto's Joint Centre for Bioethics

He currently and in the past has served on many Provincial and National advisory boards and committees in Canada.

His most recent book, released in March 2010 is Moments that Matter: Cases in Ethical Eldercare. A Guide for Families. This follows the release of his memoir, Brooklyn Beginnings - A Geriatrician's Odyssey which was released in May 2009. His previous book which he co-authored with Bart Mindszenty, Parenting your Parents published by Dundurn Press in the spring of 2002, has had a second Canadian edition in February 2005. The American edition was published in the fall of 2006.

Previous books include: Old Enough To Feel Better - A Medical Guide For Seniors; An Ounce Of Prevention - The Canadian Guide To Healthy And Successful Retirement and The Encyclopedia of Health & Aging which was co-authored by Evelyn Michaels.

Vern Harper, Elder

Vern (Asin) Harper is a Cree spiritual Elder and medicine man who lives in Toronto. The "Urban Elder" as he has been called, is a fifth generation grandson of Mistawasis, "Big Child" - a hereditary chief.

Among his many diverse roles, Vern Harper is one of only a few Elders in Canada with chaplain status. He has worked with Correctional Service Canada, conducting Native spiritual services at federal prisons as well as a Native Youth Court worker, counseling Native young offenders and their families on behalf of Aboriginal Legal Services of Toronto.

He currently works as an Elder with The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH), Aboriginal Services. He has a strong belief that there is a role for Spirituality in the treatment of mental health and addictions problems.

The Canadian Urban Institute has recently awarded the Local Hero Honour to Vern at the 2005 Urban Leadership Awards. The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health also honoured him with the "Courage To Come Back" Award, in 2000, A World Health Organization. Finally, Elder Vern Harper serves as the Elder for the Toronto Zoo.

David Harvey

David Harvey has worked in community services for the elderly for much of his career. He served with the Ministries of Community and Social Services and Health and Long-Term care in southwestern Ontario and at Queen's Park where he served as a senior manager in areas concerned with health system planning and accountability.

David has Masters degrees in Library Science and Adult Education. He has promoted continuous learning within the long term and community care and now serves as co-chair of the Alzheimer Knowledge Exchange. As well, David serves on the Ontario Caregiver Coalition and the Ontario section of the Neurological Charities of Canada. He is operational lead for the Behavioural Support Systems.

David is Chief, Public Policy and Program Initiatives with the Alzheimer Society of Ontario, assisting it and its member chapters to participate fully in Ontario's health system transformation, including the development of the First Link program.

Franzis Henke, RN(EC), NP, APN

Franzis Henke began nursing in acute oncology in 1997 at Oshawa General Hospital after receiving her Registered Nurse Diploma with honours standing from Durham College, Oshawa. In 2003 Franzis moved from the oncology staff nurse position to a clinical education leader (CEL) position in Complex Continuing Care, Geriatrics and Rehabilitation at Lakeridge Health Corporation. Franzis completed her Bachelor of Nursing in 2007 from Memorial University of Newfoundland receiving an award of excellence in the program. In April 2008 Franzis began work as a CEL in the Special Service Program at Ontario Shores (Now Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences). She now works there as an Advanced Practice Nurse. Franzis completed the Masters of Nursing/ Adult Nurse Practitioner course at the University of Toronto in August 2010 and is now registered as an RN(EC) with the College of Nurses of Ontario. Future goals include influencing implementation of a recovery philosophy in the psychogeriatric field and in the long term, managing a residential hospice for end of life care.

Zahinoor Ismail, BMSc, MD, FRCPC

Dr. Ismail attended both medical school and residency at the University of Alberta finishing in 1999. He worked initially at the University of Alberta and the University of Calgary for 6 years in an academic hospital setting. He then took a sabbatical at the University of Toronto and did a fellowship in Geriatric

Neuropsychiatry at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre. Subsequently, Dr. Ismail took a faculty appointment at the University of Toronto and joined the Geriatric Mental Health Program at the Centre for Addiction in Mental Health. In addition to running an inpatient teaching team, Dr. Ismail is head of the CAMH Memory Clinic. He is also head of CME for the Division of Geriatric Psychiatry at the University of Toronto. Dr. Ismail's research interests are in cognitive screening, late life psychosis and behaviour disturbances in dementia. He is certified in Behavioural Neurology and Neuropsychiatry by the United Council for Neurological Subspecialties.

Rob J. McFadden, MSW, PhD, RSW

Professor Rob MacFadden is an Associate Professor and Director of Continuing Education at the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto. His research, scholarship and practice have focused in three areas: child welfare, clinical social work practice and information technology in professional social work practice. For the last three years he has focused on neuroscience and social work practice. He developed the Neuroscience and Social Work contribution to the Oxford University Press', "Oxford Bibliography Online", and has a chapter just published on neuroscience and hypnosis in social work practice in Frank Turner's Fifth Edition of the book, Social Work Treatment (2011). He has designed and taught the first elective course on Neuroscience in Social Work Practice and has helped to introduce neuroscience into the first required practice course at the MSW level. He also teaches a module on neuroscience and mindfulness in the Applied Mindfulness Meditation Program through continuing education at the Faculty. He is passionate about exploring how neuroscience is a new paradigm that provides important insights into human behaviour and social work practice.

Kwame McKenzie, MD, MRCPsych

Dr. McKenzie is a psychiatrist, researcher, policy advisor and broadcaster.

He has worked in the field of the causes of mental health problems and multi-cultural mental health for 20 years and has published over 100 articles and 4 books.

His work spans basic science and applied policy research with experience in Europe, the Caribbean, UK and US.

Dr. McKenzie is the Director of the Canada Institutes of Health Research Social Aetiology of Mental Illness Training Centre, Senior Scientist of Social Equity and Health Research, Deputy Director of the Schizophrenia Program at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health. He is a Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Toronto and sits on the Service System Advisory Committee of the Mental Health Commission of Canada.

Peter Menzies, PhD

Peter Menzies, Ph. D., Clinic Head, Aboriginal Services, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health/Assistant Professor at the Psychiatry Department at the University of Toronto/Adjunct Professor, Faculty of Social Work at Laurentian University.

Peter is member of Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, and has spent the past ten years building culturally congruent mental health and addiction programs in partnership with both urban, rural and First Nations communities through his work at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health. Prior to joining CAMH, Peter worked for Native Child and Family Services of Toronto, Children's Aid Society and the Social Services Division, Toronto. He was also a First Nation assessor for applicants who were

abused in Church run institutions. Peter received his PhD from the University of Toronto. His thesis work focused on trauma and intergenerational trauma among First Nations peoples. He has published numerous articles related to Aboriginal health issues and sits on a number of Aboriginal community boards and committees both at the local and national level.

Benoit H. Mulsant, MD, MS, FRCPC, DFAPA

Dr. Mulsant is a Professor and Vice-Chair in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Toronto. He is the Physician in Chief at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) in Toronto where he also serves as the Clinical Director of the Geriatric Mental Health Program. He is also a Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Pittsburgh where he served for more than 10 years as the Medical Director of the ECT Service and Associate Director of the Geriatric Psychiatry Fellowship Program.

Dr. Mulsant received his MD from the School of Medicine, Laval University, Quebec; he completed an internship in internal medicine and neurology at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, and Montreal Neurological Hospital, and a residency in psychiatry at the Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic, University of Pittsburgh. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians (Canada) and a Diplomate in Psychiatry, American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, with added qualifications in Geriatric Psychiatry.

Dr. Mulsant has authored and co-authored more than 300 journal articles and book chapters. He has been and is currently a principal investigator for several federally-funded clinical research trials focused on the treatment of psychiatric disorders in geriatric patients.

Joel Sadavoy, MD, FRCPC

Dr Sadavoy is professor of psychiatry and the inaugural chair holder of the Sam and Judy Pencer and Family Chair in Applied General Psychiatry at Mount Sinai Hospital and the University of Toronto. He is Director of the Cyril and Dorothy Joel and Jill Reitman Centre for Alzheimer's Support and Training, and head of Geriatric Psychiatry, and head of Community Psychiatry services at Mount Sinai Hospital. He is a past-president of the International Psychogeriatric Association and was founding President of the Canadian Academy of Geriatric Psychiatry. He has published widely including 8 books and manuals. Among his numerous awards and recognitions, he has received the Presidents Award of the International Psychogeriatric Association for distinguished achievement in geriatric psychiatry (2010), the Canadian Academy of Geriatric Psychiatry award for outstanding contributions to geriatric psychiatry in Canada (2006) and the International Psychogeriatric Association Field Award for Contributions to Geriatric Psychiatry (1999).

Gail Scott, BA, MSc

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Cindy Stephen, BScN, RN

Cindy has been Director of Nursing for 10 years at Cummer Lodge, a 391 bed Long Term Care Facility for the City of Toronto.

Cindy has extensive experience working at a long term care facility that specialises in treating residents with difficult responsive behaviours including serving residents with Huntington's Chorea and residents with developmental disabilities who are transitioning into LTC. Cummer Lodge facility has developed a unique partnership with Reena, who provide

the facility with 5 FTE's of developmental service workers to work with their challenging clients upon admission to Cummer Lodge.

Cummer Lodge also has 2 beds funded by the Ministry of Community Service for difficult to place developmental residents, has 2 behavioural units, one is a 60 bed for moderate behaviours and one is a 32 bed unit for more difficult behaviours. Of the 32 bed unit Cummer Lodge has been funded by the LHIN's for 8 beds for Behavioural Support. These beds are for residents in hospital and whom other LTC's won't take.

Cindy and her team work closely with Ontario Shores, Toronto Rehab, Baycrest Behavioural Neurology Unit, NYGH Mental Health Framework team, and PRC (psychogeriatric resource consultant). Cindy is an Accreditation Canada Surveyor.

Lisa Van Bussel, MD, FRCPC

Dr. Lisa Van Bussel is the Chair of the Division of Geriatric Psychiatry, Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry, The University of Western Ontario, a Physician Leader at St. Joseph's Health Care, London and a Psychiatrist with the Regional Psychogeriatric Program, St. Joseph's Health Care, London. Her clinical focus is on capacity development in regional communities and enhancing local Psychogeriatric expertise and services. Her research interests include health care policy and system development as well as capacity development at the undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate levels.

Robyn Waxman, MD, FRCPC

Dr. Robyn Waxman is a recent graduate from the university of Toronto psychiatry program and she is practicing as a geriatric psychiatrist full time at the Ontario Shores Centre for Mental health sciences. Dr. Waxman covers inpatients, run the seniors mood clinic and participate in ECT, outreach to long term care and the community.

Dr. Waxman also is affiliated part time with CAMH. She is studying quality of life in dementia and palliative care for this population.

Judith A. Wahl

1984 to date - Executive Director, Advocacy Centre for the Elderly, www.ancelaw.ca; L.L.B. Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, 1977; B.A. Honours, University of Toronto, 1974; Called to Bar in Ontario 1979; Sessional Lecturer, Law and Aging, Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto 2006 to date; Appointed Distinguished Fellow of the Canadian Centre for Elder Law, BC Law Institute 2006; Private legal practice with Birenbaum, Koffman, Steinberg, Barristers and Solicitors, Toronto, 1979-84; Recipient of Ontario Bar Association Award for Distinguished Service, 2008 and Osgoode Hall Law School Gold Key Award for Public Service, 2006; Vice Chair, National Initiative for the Care of the Elderly Network, University of Toronto 2006 to 2010; Chair and Executive member of Canadian Bar Association - National Elderlaw Section, 2007 to date.