

Memorandum of Understanding Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) - Ontario

Purpose of the Document

Building upon the relationship between the Association of Municipalities (AMO) and Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA), Ontario (sometimes referred to as the "Parties"), this Memorandum of Understanding seeks to establish a formal collaboration between both organizations.

Objectives

AMO works to make municipal governments stronger and more effective. Through AMO, Ontario's 444 municipalities work together to achieve shared goals and meet common challenges. Through policy development, cost-saving programs, conferences, and training opportunities, AMO provides municipal officials with tools to succeed, and programs to help maximize taxpayer dollars.

CMHA Ontario achieves its mission by being a leader in the evolution of Ontario's mental health and addictions system. We contribute our knowledge, resources and skills to provincial policy development and implementation. We promote mental health in collaboration with others. We further equitable access to mental health and addictions services and champion the reduction of mental health disparities. And we serve our branches in building their governance and leadership capacities.

Together, AMO and CMHA Ontario seek to demonstrate a more deliberate and proactive approach that will advance the cause of mental health and addictions and help drive tangible results (the "Collaboration"). The objectives of the Collaboration include:

Presenting aligned voices for mental health and substance use

- Addressing gaps and opportunities across the mental health and substance use continuum that municipalities can support and address
- Leveraging networks to scale-up and amplify best practices
- Increasing efficiency to maximize impact
- Demonstrating how organizations in the Parties' mutual sectors can work together to achieve better results

Building upon existing strategies and directions, these efforts are consistent with the implementation of our strategic plans and related policy positions.

Activities

The Parties will engage in the following activities related to the Collaboration:

- Develop terms of reference for the Collaboration
- Senior Leadership/Executives to meet X (2-4) times per year to advance the Collaboration
- Share strategic plans and work plans to identify joint and mutual opportunities
- Other activities to be jointly determined

Guiding Principles

The following guiding principles, co-created by AMO and CMHA Ontario, guide how the Parties intend to work together:

Collaboration

- to strive for win-win solutions.
- to support each other's mandates and efforts to achieve collective impact.
- to define clear expectations and adhere to them.
- to share credit for successes.
- to establish clear lines of accountability while operating in a collegial and collaborative way.

High Performance

- to overcome obstacles and design strategies to achieve desired results.
- to be clear about roles and responsibilities and encourage decisions to be made accordingly.

Shared Mental Health and Substance Use Values

- give voice to people with lived experience and value lived expertise.
- embrace recovery.

Integrity and Communications

- to work together where possible and operate with transparency - we have no hidden agendas - and with appropriate transparency externally.
- to provide information on a timely basis.



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