

September 9, 2013.

**Ms. Mary Potter President
Provincial Council of Women of Ontario (PCWO)**

Dear Mary,

Thank you for your letter of November 2012, regarding Ontario's Comprehensive Mental Health and Addictions Strategy, Open Minds, Healthy Minds. I appreciate Council's continued interest in the well-being of Ontarians affected by mental health and addictions issues.

Our government remains committed to our continued implementation of our Comprehensive Mental Health and Addictions Strategy. With the first three years of the Strategy, focused on children in youth, now nearing completion, years four and beyond beginning in 2014, will focus on the entire mental health and addictions system.

The implementation of this plan will build on its successes in the first three years. The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care will have responsibility for the implementation beginning in 2014 and will be working with experts and stakeholders, to develop program standards, performance measures, client experiences and health outcomes, as well as to standardize public reporting across Ontario.

Council's comments on the Strategy have been shared with senior ministry staff responsible for implementation of years four and on of the strategy, and Anne Bowlby, Manager, Mental Health, Addictions Unit, will be contacting you to set up a meeting to address Council's questions.

In the meantime, if you wish to contact Ms. Bowlby directly you can reach her at: Mental Health and Addictions Unit Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, 80 Grosvenor Street, 8th Floor, Toronto, ON M7A 1R3, Tel: 416-212-2877

Thank you again for writing to share Council's interest in the Mental Health and Addictions Strategy with me.

Sincerely,
Deb Matthews