



Canadian Mental  
Health Association  
Newfoundland and Labrador

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**SUBJECT: Appointment of new Chief Executive Officer – Mr. Dan Goodyear**

**FROM:** John G. Abbott, Board Chair, CMHA-NL Board of Directors

**DATE:** February 22, 2016

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We are pleased to announce that Mr. Dan Goodyear has accepted the position of Chief Executive Officer and will join the Canadian Mental Health Association – NL Division (CMHA-NL), effective Monday, February 22, 2016.

Mr. Goodyear has a strong background in inclusionary practice having been on the ground floor in building inclusive programming within the K – 12 and post-secondary education systems in the province. He brings a proven record of leadership, strategic development, customer service, and team-building to this position. Dan has the financial management, relationship building skills, and the experience to meet the needs and challenges of CMHA-NL as we move forward with our strategic plan.

Dan`s vision is to continue to grow the public awareness of mental health issues throughout the province, and to build on existing services to create a more comprehensive plan that will better meet the needs of all Newfoundlanders and Labradorians.

Dan worked previously with the Department of Education and the College of the North Atlantic. He has a Masters of Education and a Bachelor of Special Education.

Dan will take up his duties with CMHA-NL immediately.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I welcome Dan to his new role with our organization, and I look forward to working with him and our staff to advance the mental health of all our citizens. I would also like to thank Ms. Heidi Edgar who acted as our CEO for over the past year and supported the board in fulfilling our mandate throughout this period.

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