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THE CANADIAN ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS AND MENTAL HEALTH ANNOUNCES NEW CO-CHAIR

June 2, 2021 (Ottawa)—The Canadian Alliance on Mental Illness and Mental Health (CAMIMH) is pleased to announce that Kim Hollihan, EdD, has been named co-chair of CAMIMH.

Dr. Hollihan is the Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian Counselling and Psychotherapy Association and will serve a two-year term as CAMIMH co-chair. She has been a member of CAMIMH since 2013.

"I am thrilled to contribute to the important work that CAMIMH undertakes in my new role, and I look forward to continuing to advocate for meaningful change in the way that mental health and mental illness is discussed in Canada," said Dr. Hollihan. "This is a new and exciting challenge and I am grateful for the opportunity."

"I'm very much looking forward to working with Kim as the new co-chair. She has been a valuable member of the CAMIMH executive and I know she will do an excellent job in this role," said Ellen Cohen, CAMIMH co-chair. "I'd also like to thank Florence Budden, my previous co-chair, for her commitment, devotion, and tireless work to support our cause and advance the mental health agenda in Canada."

Dr. Hollihan is passionate about CAMIMH's Champions of Mental Health campaign, which is currently accepting nominations for the 2021 Awards. To submit a nomination, visit the Champions page <u>here</u>.

Dr. Hollihan begins her term as co-chair effective immediately.

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Established in 1998, the Canadian Alliance on Mental Illness and Mental Health (CAMIMH) is an alliance of national mental health organizations comprised of health care providers and organizations representing persons with mental illness and their families and caregivers. CAMIMH's mandate is to ensure that mental health is placed on the national agenda so that persons with a lived experience of mental illness and their families receive appropriate access to care and support.

CAMIMH MEMBERS

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Canadian Counselling and Psychotherapy Association

Canadian Federation of Mental Health Nurses

Canadian Medical Association

Canadian Mental Health Association

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