



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Annual General Meeting: September 2022

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you to the York Hills team for your efforts in another successful year in serving the communities, children and families of York Region. The Board managed to meet consistently over the past 12 months through virtual means to ensure that the governance of the corporation continued in concert with your dedication and efforts. Your CEO, Dean Rokos, continues to serve the Board with excellence, sing your praises, and provide the Board with thorough and meaningful information that assists us in assisting the organization. While stressors associated with the pandemic continued in 2021 and 2022, you remained resilient while providing excellent service to our community and even managed to increase our delivery and receive the kudos of your provincial colleagues. Through your efforts, families and children are receiving the support and treatment they desperately need. The Board remains grateful to you, given the increased demand for our essential mental health services now and in the years to come once COVID-19 is behind us. For this, the Board thanks you and remains appreciative for each and every one of the York Hills team.

Alongside you and our CEO, the agency began its journey of its inaugural strategic plan. The tenants of the plan, diversity, equity & inclusion, being an employer of choice, delivering quality services and empowering community capacity will serve you and our community well in meeting the complex and diverse needs of York Region. It also serves to attract talent from a diverse background to our already strong and empowered workforce that represents the communities we serve. The strategic plan is supported in organizational efforts in modernizing policy, continuing to enact continuous quality improvement initiatives, and ensuring that partnerships continue with the province and our community mental health agencies despite the challenges of the ongoing pandemic,

While the Board remained intact for the previous year, sadly, we are losing 4 tremendous Board members in the coming year. Victoria Tundo, Eleanor Wint and Peter Milovanovic have served the Board well for a number of years. We are indebted to their expertise and their commitment. Special mention goes to Basil Mwawasi who will be leaving York Hills (and Blue Hills prior to that) after 15 years of service. Basil has served as a mentor to many Board members over the years (including myself) and the York Hills organization is better as a result of his dedication to us.

Special mention also goes to all other Board members who provide diligent and dedicated service over the past year and will continue to during the next term: Richard Housen (Vice-President), Gleb Matushansky (Secretary), Rajiv Kutty (Treasurer), Donna Healey, Noura Gharibo Shaw, Deandra Christopher, and Anne Falomo. I wish to thank them for

their leadership throughout this past year in leading the Board's efforts to assist the agency in its governance.

Lastly, the Board would like to commend Dean in his ongoing leadership and dedication to York Hills during this past year. Dean's commitment to the organization is second to none, always has the best interests of the staff and community in his activities, and consistently works to serve to the Board and the community. The Board would also like to acknowledge another year of excellent service and support from Diane Legris. Simply said, we are indebted to Diane, her passion and efforts in assisting the Board in our governance. The Board is also thankful to the Ministry of Health and the Provincial Government in assisting the Board and Agency with the support, both financial and programmatically in continuing to assist our Agency through the pandemic and our programming. Finally, the Board is thankful to CMHO in continuing to offer their assistance to the Board in 2022 via training and advocacy to the province to assist our community and the Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Rebellato
President