



Chair's Report

Annual General Meeting – September 18, 2024

On behalf of the Board of Directors, and the York Region community at large, I wish to thank the York Hills team for its hard work and dedication in serving the community throughout the past year.

During the past year, the organization faced several challenges ranging from resources to operations, and it was a true demonstration of the strength and resilience of the York Hills team, led by its CEO, Dean Rokos, that stepped up amid these challenges to meet them head-on for the betterment of the community we serve. Thank you for your hard work, everyone.

As an organization, we remain steadfast in our commitment to not just talk Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion but walk the walk to ensure that our organization meets the challenges of the day and has everyone it touches feel a sense of belonging, whether it's their place of work, service, care, and/or comfort.

In the past year, the Board and York Hills team have reviewed and revamped the Strategic Plan to take the organization into the year "2027" with the view of refining and being better able to monitor and measure its successes and respond to its challenges. We look forward to continuing working together on its full implementation in the coming weeks and months.

The Board continues to enjoy the volunteer services of its dedicated, diverse, and extremely talented members: Steven Rebellato (Vice Chair); Gleb Matushansky (Secretary); Rajiv Kutty (Treasurer); Deandra Christopher, Anne Falomo, Noura Gharibo Shaw, Donna Healey, Shana Kapustin, Ruben Rodriguez, and Saba Ateyah. Thank you all for your service. I also wish to welcome our newest member, Olivia Coughlin, to the Board, and I look forward to working with everyone in the coming year.

The Board is appreciative and grateful for the support of the Ministries of Health and Children, Community and Social Services, the Provincial Government, mental health advocates, other stakeholders, and supporters for their strong and unyielding support of our organization and children's mental health generally.

Sincerely,

Richard R. Housen

Chair