



## Scientific and Cultural Consultation

**Mood Disorders Society of Canada  
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April 15, 2004**

The Mood Disorders Society of Canada (MDSC) is currently identifying priorities for a National Blueprint for Action on Mood Disorders. A Scientific and Cultural Consultation was held on April 15, 2004 in Ottawa with a cross-section of leading Canadian researchers and service providers. Each participant spoke about his or her professional experience and knowledge of mood disorders from a unique perspective and provided the MDSC with direction about priority areas for national action. Audience members included the MDSC Board of Directors and Project Team, members of national partner organizations, funders and several representatives from the Council of the Provinces. A reception and dinner followed the presentations and discussions. Michael Decter, Chair of the Health Council of Canada, was the keynote speaker.

### Participants

#### Mood Disorders Society of Canada (MDSC) Board of Directors

Phil Upshall  
William Ashdown  
John Starzynski  
William J. Mussell  
Tracey Trudeau  
Chris Summerville

#### Partner Organizations and Funders

Joan Montgomery  
CEO, Schizophrenia Society of Canada  
Francine Knoops  
Canadian Psychiatric Association  
Constance McKnight  
National Executive Director - National Network for Mental Health  
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Executive Director, Canadian Psychological Association  
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Mood Disorders Association of Manitoba  
Robert Winram  
Mood Disorders Association of British Columbia,  
Roy Muise  
The Self-Help Connection, Nova Scotia  
Ella Amir  
AMI-Québec Alliance for the Mentally Ill  
Kaj Korvela  
The Organization for Bipolar Affective Disorders Society, Alberta  
Eugene Leblanc  
The Self-Help Centre, New Brunswick  
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Youthnet - Calgary, Alberta  
  
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Youthnet - Ottawa, Ontario  
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James Goverde  
Corrections Officer, Toronto Don Valley Jail  
Carol Levesque  
Program Advisor, Office of Disability Issues, Social Development Canada  
Claudette Perron  
Manager, Office of Disability Issues, Social Development Canada  
Jean Pruneau  
Manager, Health Promotions Unit, Health Canada.

## **Presenters**

Dr. Barbara Jaworski  
WorkLife Solutions and Well Being, FGI – WORKPLACE  
Dr. Catherine Shea  
Canadian Academy of Geriatric Psychiatry - SENIORS  
Dr. Brenda Restoule  
Native Mental Health Association of Canada - FIRST NATIONS  
Dr. Jordan Peterson  
Professor, University of Toronto and Author - SPIRITUALITY  
Mr. Peter Hodgson  
Centre of Excellence for Youth Engagement - YOUTH  
Dr. Rémi Quirion  
Scientific Director, The Institute of Neurosciences, Mental Health and Addiction, The  
Canadian Institutes for Health Research - RESEARCH

## **Keynote Speaker**

Michael Decter, Chair, The Health Council of Canada

*RESULTS OF THIS NATIONAL CONSULTATION ALONG WITH RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO A NATIONAL MOOD DISORDERS AGENDA WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE BLUEPRINT FOR NATIONAL ACTION LOCATED AT [WWW.MOODDISORDERSCANADA.CA](http://WWW.MOODDISORDERSCANADA.CA) (ADVOCACY)*