

## Media Release

### **Transfer of Funding and Services in Sudbury**

**Friday, November 5, 2010** – Last night, the North East LHIN met with the Board of Peer Support Inc. in Sudbury to advise them that, effective immediately, their funding would be terminated and transferred to the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Sudbury/Manitoulin Branch.

Peer Support has violated numerous terms of their accountability agreement with the NE LHIN in both the areas of financial and governance accountability.

The NE LHIN will work closely with Canadian Mental Health Association to ensure the transition is open, transparent, and that the same services to consumers continue. Today, the NE LHIN will meet with Peer Support consumers/clients and their families to provide details of the transfer.

Services outlined in the current accountability agreement between Peer Support and the NE LHIN which will now be provided by Canadian Mental Health Association, include:

- Consumer survivor initiative
- Empowering and supporting people living with mental illness
- Self help groups focusing on life skills tools and activities that support and encourage recovery
- Training and education
- Outreach to psychiatric wards to assist with discharge
- Providing family members with tools and resources
- Referrals to community support organizations
- Public education
- Advocacy
- Job skills development and personal skills development
- One-on-one support
- Social recreation
- Networking with other community agencies
- French language services

Consumers/ clients can contact the CMHA Warm Line at 705-671-9276 for pre-crisis telephone peer support. The telephone line is answered from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm, seven days of the week. People can also call CMHA with questions or concerns regarding the program transfer please call CMHA at 705-671-5896.

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