

Making Sense of Health System Jargon (September 2008)

AGM	Annual General Meeting
ADM	Assistant Deputy Minister
AO	Addictions Ontario http://www.addictionsontario.ca/portal/
CAMH	Centre for Addiction and Mental Health http://www.camh.net
CCBR	Centre for Community-Based Research (formerly CREHS) http://www.communitybasedresearch.ca/
CCAC	Community Care Access Centre (provides home care)
COMSOC	Ministry of Community and Social Services http://www.cfcs.gov.on.ca/CFCS/en/default.htm
CDS	Common Data Set
CMH CAP	Community Mental Health Community Assessment Project http://www.ontario.cmha.ca/ehealth.asp?CID=7544
CMHA	Canadian Mental Health Association (usually in reference to the provincial office, known as CMHA, Ontario Division) http://www.ontario.cmha.ca
CREHS	Centre for Research in Education and Human Services Now known as CCBR
CURA	Community University Research Alliance (a special kind of research project funded by SSHRC). OPDI is a partner in the CCBR CURA research project “Taking Culture Seriously in Community Mental Health” http://www.takingcultureseriouslycura.ca/front_page
DM	Deputy Minister The MOHLTC Deputy Minister is Ron Sapsford.
GP	General Practitioner (also known as Family Doctor)

HCP	Health Care Provider
IT	Information Technology
LHIN	Local Health Integration Network http://www.health.gov.on.ca/transformation/lhin/lhin_mn.html
MIS	Management Information Systems
M-SAA	Multi-Sectoral Service Accountability Agreement (an agreement between a MH&A agency and the LHIN)
MOHLTC	Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care http://www.health.gov.on.ca/index.html
OAPC	Ontario Association of Patient Councils
OFCMHAP	Ontario Federation of Community Mental Health and Addiction Services (commonly known as “the Federation”) http://www.ofcmhap.on.ca
OHA	Ontario Hospital Association http://www.oha.com/
OMHF	Ontario Mental Health Foundation http://www.omhf.on.ca/
OMHAKEN	Ontario Mental Health and Addiction Knowledge Exchange Network https://www.ehealthontario.ca/portal/server.pt?open=512&objID=1398&PageID=0&cached=true&mode=2&userID=11862
OPS	Ontario Public Service
OTF	Ontario Trillium Foundation http://www.trilliumfoundation.org/cms/en/index.aspx
PPAO	Psychiatric Patients Advocates Office http://www.ppaogov.on.ca/index.html
RFP	Request for Proposal
SEEI	Systems Enhancement Evaluation Initiative https://www.ehealthontario.ca/portal/server.pt?open=512&objID=1402&PageID=0&cached=true&mode=2

SSHRC	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/
SWAN	South West Alliance Network
WLU	Wilfrid Laurier University

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http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/hl-vs-strat/hl-vs/glossary_e.html

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