

Mental Health and Addiction: Current Collaboratives in Calgary

Non-profit organizations, private sector organizations, and Alberta Health Services provide the majority of programs and services related to mental health and addictions in Calgary. Further information about programs and services available, as well as issues and gaps in service provision will be explored through a public engagement process in Q1 2019. The following two collaborative groups are working towards greater system coordination for mental health and addiction programs and services.

Collaborative for Health and Home (CHH)

Established in 2015, the CHH is a group of 26 government and community organizations working collaboratively to address the complex health and housing needs of people experiencing homelessness in Calgary. The areas of focus for the group are better access to health services, availability of mobile outreach, multidisciplinary collaboration, and increased continuity of care. They take action within five working groups:

- Harm reduction
- Health services
- Indigenous response
- Women and children
- Data coordination

Calgary Council for Addiction and Mental Health (CCAMH)

CCAMH was established in 2016 as a collaborative model for addressing mental health and addiction issues for Calgarians. It is comprised of over 45 community non-profit organizations, government services and foundations which aim to provide a barrier-free, person-centered approach to Calgarians dealing with these issues. CCAMH is a partner in the implementation of the Valuing Mental Health report recommendations (referenced in Attachment 1). It is currently implementing a collaborative strategic plan through the following working groups:

- Collaboration and Training
- Funding and Advocacy
- Navigation
- Prevention and Education