

## Community Action on Mental Health and Addiction Panel Members

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### Karen Gosbee, Community Advocate



Karen E. Gosbee is a progressive and dedicated community leader and advocate focused on building partnerships that advance integrative systemic changes in mental health and addiction. She has held a number of local and national leadership roles in art, education, and mental health and addiction services. A quote that she lives by is: Tout comprendre c'est tout pardonner, to understand all is to forgive all.



### Scott Boyd, Inspector, Calgary Police Service



Scott Boyd is the Inspector in charge of the Restorative Justice and Arrest Processing Section for the Calgary Police Service. In his 20 years as a Police Officer, Scott has spent time in a variety of areas including Patrol, Criminal Intelligence/Organized Crime, Special Projects, Human Resources, Training, Real Time Operations Centre and as the Executive Officer for the Chief of Police. Scott is currently leading work, including the creation of a Community Court, which is focused on offering members of Calgary's most vulnerable population with more creative and compassionate alternatives when dealing with police and the justice system. He is trained and experienced as a Police Crisis Navigator. He has a degree in Communications, with a focus in Public Relations, and a Master's of Management

and Public Administration. He is also a graduate of the Senior Management Institute for Police. Prior to his career in policing, Scott formed part of a crisis communications/logistics team for a major logging company during the Clayquot Sound dispute – where more than 900 people were arrested during the largest civil disobedience protest in Canadian history. Scott enjoys snowboarding, is an avid cyclist and loves to travel. He recently combined several of his passions during a trip to Peru for an epic mountain bike adventure and hike to Machu Picchu. Scott lives in Calgary with his partner, Fiona. He is the proud father to his 9-year old daughter, Megan.

## Janet Chafe, Executive Director, Addiction & Mental Health, Calgary Zone, Alberta Health Services



Janet Chafe is the Executive Director for Addiction and Mental Health with Alberta Health Services in the Calgary Zone. Janet has worked in health care in Calgary for over 25 years, spending the majority of that time in the area of mental health. Janet has held a variety of positions including clinician, supervisor, manager, and director, gaining extensive leadership and operational management experience before taking on her current role. As Executive Director for Addiction and Mental Health, Janet is responsible for services across the continuum of care, including both outpatient and inpatient services located within multiple acute care and community sites; services for a

variety of ages and specialties including child and adolescent, adult, geriatric, forensic mental health and addiction services; and oversight of many services provided by contracted community agencies. Janet has held this position for just over four years. Janet is also the Executive Director for Corrections Healthcare with responsibility for the healthcare provided in ten provincial correctional facilities located across the province of Alberta. Janet has a Master's degree in clinical social work from the University of Calgary, a diploma in addiction studies from McMaster University and is a clinical member of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, Alberta Chapter.

## Dr. Hasan Sheikh, MPA candidate, Harvard Kennedy School



Dr. Hasan Sheikh is an Emergency and Addictions physician in Toronto, a Master in Public Administration student at the Harvard Kennedy School, and is joining the Office of the Mayor as part of the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative for the summer. Hasan is the medical lead of a Rapid Access Addiction Medicine (RAAM) clinic, which provides low barrier to access to evidence-based addiction medicine care - patients do not require an appointment or referral. His focus has been on taking a patient-centered approach to build smooth transitions between the emergency department, primary care, the RAAM clinic, and outpatient counseling services.

Hasan will be bringing that client-centered approach to review the addiction medicine services in Calgary, in particular the Supervised Consumption Site at the Sheldon M. Chumir. He will be meeting with a variety of stakeholders to understand the client perspective as they navigate from one service to the next, in order to identify what is working well and where the gaps in the system are.

## Karen Young, President and CEO, United Way of Calgary and Area



Karen Young joined United Way in June 2014 as Vice President and Chief Operating Officer and was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer effective January 2017.

Karen came to United Way from The City of Calgary where she served for 26 years as an award-winning visionary leader. In her role as Director of Community and Neighbourhood Services at The City, Karen led change management, strategic planning and policy, partnership management, and funding and grant programs. She led the Emergency Social Services efforts during the flood of 2013 and oversaw the development of \$480 million in new recreation facilities for our community.

Karen believes in the value of partnerships and collaborations to achieve a common vision. She is a catalyst for social change and has been building momentum in communities since the 1980's, driven by her belief that all Calgarians have the right to a good quality of life. She believes in developing a resilient and caring community where everyone thrives. Karen has helped fundraise in her time at United Way over \$270 million through workplace campaigns and individual giving.

Since joining United Way, Karen has spearheaded the development and implementation of a new 5 year Strategic Plan. Other achievements of note include the introduction of an Indigenous strategy, a highly successful expansion of United Way's Community Hubs work, the launch of the Social Impact Lab and a new initiative focussing on Children and Youth Mental Health.

She believes that positive change begins at the community level and has been active in the local community serving on the Boards of Calgary Housing Company, Calgary TELUS Convention Centre, and Calgary Homeless Foundation, as a member of the Calgary Poverty Reduction Initiative Stewardship Group, and as a Trustee of the Burns Memorial Fund. She is currently Chair of the Community Leadership Group of Safe Communities Opportunity and Resource Centre (SORCe), a member of the Enough for All (Poverty Reduction Strategy) partnership group and is a member of the Calgary Local Immigration Partnership Council (CLIP).

Karen holds a Master's Certificate in Municipal Leadership and a Bachelor of General Studies in Leisure, Recreation and Tourism.

