



October 18, 2024

To: Mental Health Resource and Service Organizations across Central and Northern British Columbia

**Re: Mental Health and Addictions Accord**

Dear Potential Collaborators,

Please find attached the signatory version of the Mental Health and Addictions Accord (“Accord”) for your potential endorsement. The Accord is a living document aimed at identifying shared principles and actions to promote improvements in mental health and addictions services across Central and Northern British Columbia.

The signing ceremony will be a key part of the [Mental Health and Addictions Symposium](#), being held on November 13-14, 2024, in Prince George, BC. This ceremony will symbolize the collective commitment of signatories to advancing mental health and addictions initiatives across the region. Participating agencies will have the opportunity to be recognized for their leadership and collaboration in this important area.

If your agency is interested in endorsing the Accord, please email Bettina Johnson at [bjohnson@nclga.ca](mailto:bjohnson@nclga.ca) with your selection of one of the following options for your response:

- We endorse the Accord and will have a representative available to participate in the signing ceremony at the Mental Health and Addictions Symposium on November 14, 2024, in Prince George, BC. (Please provide the representative’s name by November 6, 2024)
- We endorse the Accord but will NOT have a representative available for the signing ceremony. However, we would like our agency to be acknowledged during the ceremony.
- We are interested in endorsing the Accord but will not have approval in time for the Mental Health and Addictions Symposium. We will provide confirmation at a later date.

If your agency is not able to endorse the Accord before the Symposium, please note that endorsement can be provided at any time following the event. Additionally, the Accord is scheduled for review and an update in 2025, offering further opportunities for input and endorsement. For more information or to discuss further, please feel free to reach out to Bettina Johnson at [bjohnson@nclga.ca](mailto:bjohnson@nclga.ca).

Thank you for considering this important opportunity to join other organizations in advancing collective action to improve mental health and addictions services. Your support and participation are essential in fostering meaningful progress and making a positive impact on the lives of individuals and communities across the region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Judy Greenaway'.

Judy Greenaway  
President  
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