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CMHA APPOINTS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Alberta Division of the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) has hired Tom Shand as its Executive Director.

The appointment, effective July 31, was announced by CHMA Alberta Division President Jodi Cohen.

“We are delighted to have Tom join our team,” said Cohen. “His experience in raising funds and organizational development for healthcare organizations, as well as his background in journalism, should serve CMHA well in advancing a number of key initiatives.”

Tom has more than 20 years’ experience in not-for-profit management, including 11 years as Executive Director of the Spirit of the North Healthcare Foundation in Prince George, BC. In Alberta, he worked for the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital Foundation, the Misericordia Hospital, Alberta Lung Association, Canadian Diabetes Association and the Edmonton Sun.

Shand is a graduate of Queen’s University and also a Certified Fund Raising Executive.

He succeeds Orrin Lyseng, who had been serving that role on an interim basis since November 23, 2005.

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