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LETHBRIDGE RESIDENT ELECTED VICE-PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Mr. Bob Campbell, long-time resident of Lethbridge, was on the weekend elected Vice-President of the Canadian Mental Health Association's National Board of Directors at a conference of more than 500 delegates held in St. John, New Brunswick.

Professionally, Mr. Campbell is a senior manager and health promotion specialist with the Chinook Health Authority.

The election followed four days of meetings involving international mental health experts, professionals, family members and consumers of mental health services from across Canada.

Ms. Karen Mc Grath of Newfoundland and Labrador was elected National President. Other Albertans elected to the 24-member board were former Cabinet Minister Mr. Dennis Anderson of Edmonton and systems analyst Ms. Jodi Cohen and lawyer/psychologist Mr. Bill Gaudette, both of Calgary.

Mr. Campbell is about to complete a term as the Association's Alberta Division President, and hopes to carry his agenda nationally; an agenda he describes as "advocating for the most essential 'health determinants,' things like improved housing, work and personal connections for people with the most serious of mental illnesses."

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Bob Campbell is the second Lethbridge resident to assume senior leadership responsibility with CMHA. Long-time resident Ms. Mary Oordt served as its National President between 1988 and 1991. The CMHA is one of the largest and oldest voluntary organizations in Canada.

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