

**CMHA/Peel Branch
BOARD BIOGRAPHIES
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Frank van Nie, Chair

2005

Frank has over 30 years of experience in the Canadian financial services industry working first for TD Bank and then Visa Canada. He has had a variety of roles including audit, operations, marketing, risk management, business continuity management and sales/account management. In 2009, Frank established his own management consulting practice, Smart Strategies, targeted at the credit and debit card payments industry. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics from the University of Windsor and a MBA from the University of Toronto. Through his own experience with mental illness – both personally and in his family – Frank learned the important role that community organizations play in support, education and policy development. He has served on the Board since 2005 and is honoured to part of an organization that provides such valuable services to the people of Peel Region.

Dr. Hanzla Tariq, Vice Chair

2005

Hanzla has completed his training to become a new family physician in Brampton. Hanzla became involved with CMHA after his experience supporting a close friend with depression and mentoring a brilliant, young boy with a mental illness. He personally understands the many challenges a mental illness can bring and aspires to play a role in supporting the consumers, their friends, and family. He stands by CMHA's mission to support those with a mental illness in their lives and hopes for a more integrated health care system in the future that will care for the individual as a whole. "I feel *privileged* to invest my time on the Board and I am very eager to partake in even better years ahead for mental health in our community."

Janine Elias Joukema, Vice Chair

2008

Janine has over 13 years of experience in Regional government, where she was involved in variety of significant community, organizational and political initiatives. In 2006, after 5 years as Director of Strategic Initiatives at the Region of Peel, she decided to go into mid-career retirement with the purpose of creating a better work-life balance. Later that same year, she established her own strategic management consulting business. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Brock University and a Masters of Health Science in Health Promotion from the University of Toronto. Janine is extremely honoured to be appointed to the CMHA Board. It's just one way to give back and to support her mother who suffers from schizophrenia.

Linda Nasato RN, CPMHN(C), Past Chair

2005

Linda is a Registered Nurse with 24 years experience in mental health. She retired (for the second time) in March 2008 from the William Osler Health Centre (Peel Memorial Campus) Community Mental Health Clinic, Linda has lived in Peel for 45 years (Caledon for past 18). Aside from her professional practice, she promoted optimum mental health by past volunteer experience with groups such as Peace Ranch, the Schizophrenia Society, and Anxiety Empowered. Linda is also active with Brampton Civic/PMH Retirees Association and Brampton Senior Citizens Council. As a retired mental health professional, she is proud to be a member of the CMHA/Peel Board of Directors.

Ranil Mendis, ACMA (UK), Chair of Audit Committee

2007

Ranil is a Management Accountant with over 18 years experience with the City of Toronto in budgeting and finance relating to the delivery of community services in Toronto. He has served the Peel community as a volunteer in a number of social service agencies including the CCAC, Peel Children's Aid and the United Way. Ranil brings community and caregiver perspective to the Board, as mental illness within his family circle has led him to understand the importance of improving mental health services in Peel.

Juan Arangote**2010**

Juan has worked in the financial field for almost 20 years. Prior to immigrating to Canada in 2002, he held various senior finance positions in Citicorp, Bank of America, Arthur Andersen and a large infrastructure conglomerate in the Philippines. He also worked with a property developer in British Columbia before moving to Brampton, where he has resided since 2005. Currently, he holds the position of Manager, Strategy and Analytics with the Greater Toronto Airports Authority; he has also worked with the Ontario Ministry of Finance and Canadian Securities Institute (CSI). Juan is designated as a Certified Management Accountant (CMA) in Canada and Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in the Philippines.

Ronald C. E. Dabor**2004**

Ron has now completed his sixth term with the CMHA Peel Board of Directors. It has been extremely rewarding to serve on the Board during this time. There is much greater willingness to talk about mental illness; the needs of our community are garnering significant attention in the media and, as a result, unprecedented financial support from all levels of government. Ron is a lawyer at the A. Grenville and William Davis Courthouse in Brampton. He was called to the Ontario Bar in 1982 and has practiced in the area of criminal law for a number of years, both as defence counsel and as a Provincial Crown Attorney, with a special emphasis on persons living with mental health challenges. In 2005, Ron received the Outstanding Volunteer Service Award from CMHA, Ontario Division.

Kevin Duffy**2008**

Kevin returned to the Board of Directors of CMHA/Peel Branch after serving as a member and Past Chair between 1992 and 2000 and 2003/2004. His work experience includes 20 years as a human resources professional. Kevin spent the majority of his career with the Regional Municipality of Peel and was responsible for all aspects of human resources operations, including labour relations and the negotiation of Peel Region's union contracts. Kevin has a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Western Ontario, a post-graduate Diploma in Human Resources Management from Seneca College, and completed the Executive Human Resources Program at Queen's University. Kevin suffered a stroke in 2004 and personally understands the importance of community-based organizations and the programs and services they offer as well as the importance of and accessibility to good health care.

Karen Murphy**2002**

Karen Murphy is a Special Constable assigned as a Court Liaison Officer with Peel Regional Police. She has been a member of the CMHA/Peel Board for eight years and is now serving as Past Chair. She is also Co-Chair for the Ontario Division – CMHA Branch Forum. Karen's interest in mental health stems from her involvement in the Court System. She deals with people who have become involved with the law and have mental health issues. Karen directs people to the CMHA/Peel Court Support Program at Davis Court, which in turn reviews the case with the Crown Attorney to see if it is suitable for Mental Health Diversion. Karen is also a past recipient of the CMHA/Peel Caring Community Award. Karen was honoured recently by "Ontario Women in Law Enforcement" with the Laura Ellis Community Service Award for participation in various community endeavours.

Jeanette Schepp**2010**

Jeanette Schepp is a Senior Human Resources Professional with over 20 years experience in the human resources field. Her firm, Jeanette Schepp and Associates, a human resources boutique consulting firm, provides practical Human Resources solutions to clients in the not for profit/for profit sectors. Prior to establishing her consulting business, Jeanette held the position of Director, Human Resources leading national HR strategies for a global organization with responsibilities for all aspects of Human Resources including labour/employment relations, compensation and benefits administration, organization planning and design. Jeanette is currently pursuing her Bachelor of Administrative Studies degree in Human Resources at York University and has held Board Member responsibilities with a number of local agencies.

Keith Ward**2009**

Keith joined the Board in 2009, having retired in July 2009 from the Region of Peel. At the Region, he was Commissioner of Human Services, with responsibility for social housing oversight, delivery of Ontario Works, homelessness and transitional housing, operation of Regional child care centres and fee subsidies to families for child care. Over a 32-year career in social housing and human services, Keith is especially proud of his role in facilitating the growth of supportive and special needs housing. An economist by training, Keith says he welcomed the opportunity to join the CMHA Board to improve his own understanding of consumers' needs and help advocate for effective services

Rebecca Wellum**2008**

Rebecca holds the post of Manager of Environmental Programs & Compliance and has over 13 years of experience in the Information Technology industry, where she led efforts on a variety of environmental policy and regulatory, and software application programs. Since 2008 she has managed her own Wedding Planning business. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature from the University of Toronto. Rebecca's interest in volunteering with the CMHA/Peel comes from personal experience struggling with different mental health conditions as a patient and a caregiver. Rebecca is pleased to be a part of an organization like CMHA/Peel. Her hope is that in the time she is able to work with the CMHA that programs will continue to develop and mature to a point where there is a fit and a style for every sufferer of a mental health condition in the community.