

To: All Ongwanada Staff

From: Dr. Lak Chinta, CEO

Date: May 27, 2024

Re: Kingston Internship Consortium

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It is with great pleasure that I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Sean Kerry, Director of Psychology Services and Chair of the Kingston Internship Consortium.

Ongwanada serves as the lead agency for the Kingston Internship Consortium (KIC), which is dedicated to preparing psychology interns for clinical practice as psychologists. Accredited by the Canadian Psychological Association, this internship offers a comprehensive training experience with a diverse population. The KIC leverages the resources of five agencies in the Kingston community, each providing a unique perspective on the essential roles and skills of psychologists in assessing function and disability, promoting maximum participation, and minimizing limitations. These agencies include Ongwanada, Queen's University, Providence Care Hospital, Limestone District School Board, and KidsInclusive. On May 23-24, 2024, the Canadian Psychological Association conducted an onsite review for accreditation.

I would also like to express my gratitude to Dr. Kerry Mothersill and Dr. Stewart Longman from Alberta Health Services (Calgary) for their presence during the accreditation review of the Kingston Internship Consortium. Both registered psychologists, they played a crucial role in evaluating the KIC for the Canadian Psychological Association.

During their visit, Dr. Mothersill and Dr. Longman engaged with representatives from Ongwanada and all member sites of the KIC, including Providence Care Centre (DDCOT, SMH, CBIS), Limestone District School Board, KidsInclusive (HDH), and Queen's DDCP. They also had the opportunity to interact with the current cohort of Psychology Interns and connect with former interns via Zoom.

Their visit marked a significant step in the accreditation process, with the reviewers praising Dr. Sean Kerry's exemplary leadership and the administration's commitment to prioritizing interns, fostering work-life balance, and providing a robust and diverse training and development program for interns within the consortium.

These accomplishments underscore our dedication to the broader sector and Ongwanada's longstanding contribution to the esteemed Kingston Internship Consortium, recognized as an accredited consortium by the Canadian Psychological Association.

Keep up the good work team and we are proud of your work.

Warm regards,

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Dr. Lak Chinta

CEO Ongwanada