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Professional Experience Summary

Overview:

- 30 years clinical, administrative, academic Forensic Mental Health (FMH) experience in North America
- Trained in UK and Canada
- Active & senior clinician, teacher, administrator, researcher, and expert witness in the FMH field
- Well connected in international forensic organizations (eg. Board Member, International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services, etc)

Program Development, Clinical & Administrative Experience: Forensic Mental Health

- Extensive experience in FMH program development, evaluation, management and administration
- Extensive personal clinical experience in management of patients/clients in FMH and criminal justice systems, both in community (probation & parole, hospital outpatients) and institutions (eg forensic units, hospitals, prisons)
- Longstanding membership of Review Boards that oversee the management & supervision of patients found Unfit to Stand Trial or Not Criminally Responsible (Ontario and Nunavut)
- Longstanding consultant to National Parole Board of Canada
- Widely recognized & accepted as expert witness at all levels of court in criminal and civil proceedings (Canada and US)

Education & Training: Forensic Mental Health

- Leadership role, 20+ years, in development, management, & delivery of accredited forensic psychiatry specialty training programs at 3 major Ontario university medical schools (U of T, Queens, McMaster)
- Well credentialed academically (positions included Professor of Psychiatry at U of Toronto, Queen's McMaster, Professor of Law & Professor of Psychology at Queen's)
- Regularly sought lecturer and trainer for workshop, seminars on Forensic Mental Health issues
- Annual involvement in training at Crown Prosecutor's School
- Regular in-service training to staff at forensic mental health clinical units/programs
- Workshops delivered to Children's Aid workers, Probation & Parole officers, security, nursing staff, and others working with mentally disordered offenders & patients

Program & System Evaluation: Forensic Mental Health

- Extensive experience in review & evaluation of academic programs related to FMH
- Evaluation & review of Forensic Mental Health programs in Canadian and US prison systems
- Evaluation & review of most clinical Forensic Mental Health programs across Ontario
- Major review (chaired international expert panel) to evaluate and make recommendations on future of Ontario's only maximum security hospital for men (Penetanguishene Mental Health Centre), which also involved other aspects of the provincial forensic mental health system
- Major review and recommendations of Remands From Courts for Psychiatric Assessment (2005) (commissioned by Ontario Ministry of Health)
- Consultant to Forensic Mental Health Services Commission (BC) regarding re-organization of forensic mental health services for British Columbia (2004-05)
- National multi-site study of cases found Not Criminally Responsible and Unfit to Stand Trial (2005) completed for Department of Justice

Publication Summary

- 60+ publications in forensic mental health issues, including 1 book (2nd edition), 5 edited books, numerous book chapters & peer reviewed journal publications
- 2 recent chapters in International Encyclopedia on Forensic & Legal Medicine (2005) – Fitness to Stand Trial and Criminal Responsibility
- New co-edited text on Law & Mental Health in Canada forthcoming in 2006