

TRANSITION Editor – Job Description - Apply by April 11, 2023

About CMHA

For more than 100 years in Canada and more than 70 years in Saskatchewan, the Canadian Mental Health Association has offered education, advocacy, research, and policy development to support people with mental illness and their families and communities.

CMHA Vision: *"A Canada where mental health is a universal human right."* The CMHA Saskatchewan Mission: *"Promoting the rights of people experiencing mental illness to achieve their full potential and supporting mental health and well-being across all diverse Saskatchewan communities."*

About TRANSITION

TRANSITION publishes two issues per year on paper and online – Spring and Fall. A limited number of paper copies go to contributors and CMHA Branches. Readers are encouraged to read on the website.

TRANSITION specializes in material about **mental health issues**. It solicits fiction and non-fiction, poetry and **creative writing** related to mental health issues. It records personal experiences of persons who live with illness and people who care about them.

TRANSITION encourages emerging writers and artists of all kinds to submit their work for publication. In particular, the "new TRANSITION" will feature work by members of CMHA programs, especially Writing for Your Life participants.

The new Editor will support and **encourage the best possible writing**, recognizing the level of experience and literacy of each author who is published.

TRANSITION will also be collecting **visual art** by and for people with lived experience of mental illness that can be used in the magazine and CMHA social media.

WHY?

TRANSITION celebrates people and movements in "Transition" – **lives of change, growth and transformation**. Writing may express the pain of mental distress. It can illustrate the barriers and openings to finding help. Writers are encouraged to share success stories and offer encouragement to others in their journeys.

CMHA has a commitment to a **Recovery philosophy**. Recovery promotes **hope**, with access to resources, to live full and meaningful lives beyond the illness diagnosis. TRANSITION reflects diverse and healthy interests and activities.

As the new Editor for Transition, YOU will have an important role in advancing those directions.

WHAT?

- A mentor who believes in nurturing the potential of up-and-coming writers, offering encouragement and support.
- An editor who understands the value that CMHA and other writers find in seeing their words and art in publication.
- An editor who works with the magazine designer to create an attractive product
- A proofreader for TRANSITION before it is published
- A Coordinator to work with the Branch Writing for Your Life coordinators. Each Branch has designed a program that works in their community. Your role would be
 - Point of contact and support providing general oversight
 - Orientation of new facilitators, as invited
 - Mentoring/ problem solving with branch facilitators about their roles and resources, as invited
 - Offering opportunities to share ideas among the facilitators

WHO?

- A Saskatchewan writer in any genre
- Editorial experience is an asset
- Personal experience of mental illness and healing is an asset.

HOW MUCH?

- This is a contract position.
- The editor supplies office space and equipment.
- Payment is \$2,000 per issue.
- Manuscripts will be forwarded from CMHA SK as they arrive.
- Some clerical support is available at the CMHA SK office, for example, receiving and forwarding manuscripts, creating the art inventory, and photocopying (depending on your geography).

HOW?

Applications must include

- A **cover letter** (max. two page) showing:
 - Why you wish to be the TRANSITION editor
 - Your experience and approach to mentoring writers

- Your comfort with interactions in person, via e-mail, Zoom and other communications
- **A literary résumé**
 - With full contact information
 - Your publication history
 - Selected talks, readings, workshops and related experience
- Two **letters of reference** from people who can speak to your writing, mentorship, and/or community engagement

WHEN?

- Application deadline is April 11, 2023,
- The successful candidate will be notified by May 5, 2023.

WHERE?

- Please submit the completed application in **one document** (PDF preferred) to cmhacommunity@cmhask.com with TRANSITION in the subject line.

Thank you for your interest.