

Human Rights and Mental Health Workshop

June 1, 2011 Toronto, Ontario
Ontario Room, Queens Park

Organized by Society of Ontario Adjudicators & Regulators
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Who should attend?

Administrative Tribunal Members,
Adjudicators, Legal Staff

Goals of workshop

1. Increased understanding of how to apply the Ontario Human Rights Code.
2. Increased understanding of barriers in the Tribunal system faced by people with mental health disabilities and addictions.
3. Acquired practical knowledge and skills in responding to clients with special needs in mental health and addictions.

Organized by:

The SOAR Special Projects Committee with the Sponsorship of the Ontario Human Rights Commission (OHRC):

- Lilian Ma (Co-Chair)
- Barbara Hall (Co-Chair)
- Justice Ted Ormston (Co-Chair)
- Linda Gehrke
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- Anya Kater
- Ted Shaw
- Anne Warner

Presenters:

- Tony Griffin, Council, Ontario Human Rights Commission
- Anya Kater, Senior Policy Analyst, Ontario Human Rights Commission
- Joanne Leatch, Manager, Legal Unit, Social Benefits Tribunal
- Pat Capponi, Author and lead facilitator for Voices From the Street
- Anita Barnes, Community Legal Worker, Neighbourhood Legal Services, Toronto

Program

8:45 – 9:00 am – Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 9:30 am

Welcome and Introductions

- Dr. Lilian Ma, Associate Chair, Landlord and Tenant Board
- Barbara Hall, Chief Commissioner, Ontario Human Rights Commission
- Justice Ted Ormston, Chair, Consent and Capacity Board

9:30 – 9:45 am

Life after Tranchemontagne: Implementing the Decision at the Social Benefits Tribunal

9:45 – 10:15 am

PART 1 – How to Apply the Human Rights Code in Tribunal Decisions

- Overview of the Code and the human rights system in Ontario
- How to recognize a human rights issue in the facts of a case

10:45 – 11:00 am – Break

11:00 am – 12:00 noon

PART 2 – How to Apply the Code in Tribunal Decisions

- Applying the Code when hearing a case at your tribunal
- Understanding principles of the Code
- What are the appropriate tests and standards
- Determining when statutes or rules must be interpreted or overridden by requirements of the Code
- Determining appropriate remedies when applying the *Code* in decisions

12:00 – 1:00 pm – Lunch

1:00 – 1:45 pm

The Duty to Accommodate

- Principles of the duty to accommodate
- Examples of accommodation under various Code grounds
- Creating human rights accommodation policies
- How the duty to accommodate plays out practically in the Tribunal setting

1:45 pm – 2:15 pm

Addressing the needs of people with lived experience of mental health and addiction disabilities

- Systemic barriers faced in the community by people with mental health issues and addictions
- Specific barriers faced in the Tribunal system

2:15 pm – 2:30 pm – Break

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