

THE EMPOWERMENT COUNCIL A Voice for the Clients of the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

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Assistant Deputy Minister Li – Direct Services Division 2nd floor 56 Wellesley St W Toronto, ON M5S 2S3

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Dear Assistant Deputy Li,

The Empowerment Council was pleased to receive the letter from the Ministry of August 29, 2011, indicating the commitment to consult partners across the mental health sector, including patients and their advocates, on the future independence of the Psychiatric Patient Advocacy Office.

The plan described was to consult in the fall. We would be delighted to work with you on this issue, so vital to the lives of people in Ontario's mental health system. We would like to offer our assistance in bringing together interested and directly affected parties for this consultation. Please let us know how we might assist your office in this important venture.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Chambers Empowerment Council Coordinator