

Press Release

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The Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Manitoba and the Manitoba Schizophrenia Society (MSS) would like to announce the release of our report entitled **Examination of Employment and Income Assistance and Private Market Housing Affordability for Single Persons in Six Urban Centres in Manitoba**. This report, commissioned by the Public Interest Law Centre of Legal Aid Manitoba on behalf of CMHA and MSS is a long overdue analysis of how inadequacies in the Employment and Income Assistance program in Manitoba contributes to the continuation of homelessness and poor living conditions for some of our most vulnerable citizens.

“Many people with mental health issues continue to live on the fringes of our society due to this grave underfunding of shelter rates” states Connie Krahenbil, Executive Director of CMHA Manitoba. “We know that recovery is possible; however, it is made improbable due to their unacceptable living conditions.”

Chris Summerville, Executive Director of MSS adds that individual interviews in the report bring to life the statistics and analysis of the shelter rate system. “It is discouraging

to see people who truly feel let down and broken by the system. As a society we have failed the most marginalized of our citizens.”

The report will be released Wednesday March 31, 2010. If you would like a copy of the full report please contact:

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