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STATEMENT

For immediate release:

Government commitment significantly bolsters Ontario's mental health and addictions landscape

(March 21, 2018, TORONTO) – The following is a statement from Camille Quenneville, CEO, Canadian Mental Health Association, Ontario, in reaction to the provincial government's \$2.1 billion investment in mental health and addictions care.

Quenneville is available for media interviews.

"Today is an important day for any individual or family in Ontario who knows first-hand the challenges of living with a mental health or addictions issue. We believe this historic announcement to be a monumental first step to fixing a mental health and addiction system that has been in crisis for many years.

"We feel the government's promise addresses three key areas in need of enhancement. The commitment makes significant investment to enhance services across the lifespan which means more children, adults and seniors may get the help they need, when they need it. The commitment also aims to create better pathways to service which remains a longstanding challenge for those individuals and families seeking support. And it provides strong policy direction that will strengthen the mental health and addictions system and put it on more secure footing for years to come."

- Camille Quenneville, CEO, Canadian Mental Health Association, Ontario

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