



# Acquired Brain Injury & Mental Health Issues

Friday November 7, 2014  
Cascade Community Church  
35190 Delair Road, Abbotsford, BC

**\$100.00 for full-day workshop**

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Contact Fraser Valley Brain Injury Association at 604-557-1913

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Register Online at: <http://braininjurymentalhealthissues.eventbrite.ca>

Continental Breakfast, lunch and refreshments included



## AGENDA - FRIDAY NOVEMBER 7, 2014

- 8:00**                    **Registration, Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30                    John Simpson  
***Opening Statements***
- 8:45**                    Dr. John Higenbottam, PhD, Chair, Department of Psychology - Douglas College  
***Brain Injury and Mental Illness***
- 10:00                   Refreshment Break
- 10:30                   Rod Macdonald, MSW - Manager, Fraser Health Acquired Brain Injury Services  
***Silos to Partnerships - Building an ABI Informed System of Recovery***

### Noon                    Lunch

- 1:15                    Tonia Grace, Partner - Grace, Snowdon & Terepocki, LLP  
***Acquired Brain Injury and the Law***
- 2:45**                    **Refreshment Break**
- 3:15                    Mary Fayant, Elder – Kent Institution  
***The Needs of the Aboriginal Population with ABI***
- 4:15**                    **Closing**





## Speakers & Presentations

### **Opening Statements - John Simpson**

John Simpson was born and educated in Dublin, Ireland and became involved in rehabilitation in 1969 as an insurance adjuster. He was involved in the Rehabilitation Department of ICBC in 1979 and developed a keen interest in the area of brain injury. In 1981, he began providing case management services through his own company, Simpson Rehab Management. John was a founding board member of the BC Head Injury Association in 1982 and has served on the boards of the Canadian Paraplegic Association, Cheshire Homes Society. He founded the Fraser Valley (East) Brain Injury Association in 1997 and although he retired in 2001, continues to serve in a variety of volunteer and consultant roles within the organization.

For over thirty years, John Simpson has been a pioneer in the movement to improve services for people with acquired brain injuries. He has averaged more than 50 hours a month of volunteer time; advocating for families and survivors of brain injury, meeting with government officials, funders and service providers. He is a mentor for professionals and is recognized throughout Canada and the United States for his work in the brain injury field.

### **Dr. John Higenbottam, PhD**

Dr. John Higenbottam is a neuropsychologist who has held a number of senior clinical management positions in British Columbia including Vice President, Vancouver Hospital and Health Sciences Centre, and Vice President, Riverview Hospital.

John currently is a health care consultant as well as Manager, PSR Advanced Practice and Coordinator, Graduate Diploma Program in PSR, Douglas College, New Westminster, BC as well as Clinical Associate Professor, in the Department of Psychiatry, UBC.

John is a Director and Treasurer, PSR/RPS Canada and Co-Chair, Canadian Alliance for Mental Illness and Mental Health (CAMIMH) which is Canada's major alliance of 18 mental health professional and stakeholder organizations.

John's major clinical and research interests are in brain injury rehabilitation and developing, implementing and evaluating effective, recovery orientated mental health systems and services.



## **Presentation: Brain Injury and Mental Illness**

### **This presentation will provide the following information:**

1. What is Mental Illness?
2. What is Brain injury?
3. Mental Illness and Brain Injury—DSM V Neurocognitive Disorder
4. History of treatment of Mental Illness and Brain Injury
5. BC Neuropsychiatric Program
6. Severe Addictions and Mental Illness (SAMI)
7. Riverview Project

### **Rod MacDonald, MSW**

Rod MacDonald is a psychiatric social worker by training. He has worked in community mental health for 25 years. Since 1994, he has worked in the Lower Mainland both as a front line clinician and coordinator. Rod’s clinical work has focused on trauma and severe personality disorders. He has also developed expertise in the application of extended leave criteria under the Mental Health Act, serving as a consultant to his peers within Fraser Health Authority. He also has an interest in Knowledge Transfer and Exchange.

In 2013, Rod became the Manager for the Fraser Health Acquired Brain Injury Service and Concussion Clinic. This is the first full-time manager position for that service.

Some of his priorities are:

- ☑ To promote the notion of “ABI informed” recovery within Fraser Health Authority
- ☑ A system that provides meaningful solutions for individuals and families who have experienced catastrophic loss

## **Presentation: SILOS TO PARTNERSHIPS - Building an ABI Informed System of Recovery**

Acquired brain injury is a profound experience that greatly impacts the lives of many people. Health systems provide support and services, both in the hospital and community. However, this can look very different depending on where one lives. As an issue, ABI is bigger than any one team or portfolio, and so effective partnerships are critical. This presentation will review some of the challenges and developments within the Fraser Health region, with an emphasis on mental health and substance use.





## Tonia Grace

Tonia Grace graduated from the Inns of Court School of Law in London, England before being called to the Bar of England and Wales in 1992. Thereafter, she practiced primarily criminal law and actions against the state, and in 1996, she and a colleague founded “Central Chambers”, a “civil liberties” focused “set” of barristers in Manchester and which now has 16 barristers members.

In 2006, Ms. Grace joined the Coroners’ Service of British Columbia, and thereafter presided over numerous inquests during her appointment, all over BC, primarily dealing with deaths in police custody. In 2011, Ms. Grace resumed independent legal practice in BC and joined Conroy & Co in Abbotsford to focus on civil litigation, primarily in the areas of civil/human rights.

Ms. Grace is currently managing partner of Grace, Snowdon & Terepocki LLP - a law firm committed to social justice. She represents a number of prisoners who have sustained catastrophic brain injuries and deals with civil, and sometimes criminal, matters on behalf of the “underdog” against all levels of government.

### *Presentation: Acquired Brain Injury and the Law*

Presentation will provide an overview of typical legal issues, criminal and civil, involving those with acquired brain injury.

## Elder Mary Fayant

Ms. Fayant provides support to inmates in Kent Institution’s Pre-Pathways program. Ms. Fayant follows the Soux teachings as taught to her by her Elder Sam MovesCamp from the Lakota Nation. As a Spiritual advisor, she has participated in Sacred Ceremonies, Sweat Lodges, she has Sun Danced and Fasted to have earned the right to perform these ceremonies.

Her assessments are written using the Medicine Wheel teachings, which address the Physical, Emotional, Spiritual and Mental sides of a person. The purpose of these teachings is to determine how balanced each person is in each area of the Medicine Wheel. Once this is determined through ceremonies, one to one counselling, observation and interaction with people in need of help, she is then able to determine what areas need work and what areas are satisfactory for where the person is in their lives at this time. It is only through striving to achieve this balance in the four areas of our lives, that we can truly say we are walking a good and balanced path in life and following our spiritual teachings to the best of our abilities. For most this is a lifetime journey. The same practices are utilized in the community. These practices are Sweats, Ceremonies, Medicines, and hands on care.

### *Presentation: The Needs of the Aboriginal Population with ABI*





## Workshop Location

### Cascade Community Church, 35190 Delair Road, Abbotsford, BC



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- Full Workshop \$100.00 each
Group Rate (5 or more) \$ 90.00 each
FVBIA Members with ABI \$ 20.00 each
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Non-members with ABI \$ 30.00 each
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