

Steve Lurie's letter to the Toronto Star, September 21, 2011, in response to "Hit them with statistics"

Recent Ontario Public Accounts figures show that Ontario spends only 2.52% of LHIN transfers on community mental health and this accounts for 1.31% of Health spending. Given that 20% of the population experiences mental illness each year, this may explain why the all party Select Committee said the mental health system was in crisis. The wait list for supportive housing in Toronto is now 4500, up from 700 two years ago. Homeless people living with mental illness can expect to wait 1-3 years for a home!