

Ontario Legislature Select Committee on Mental Health and Addictions	
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Web site:	http://www.ontla.on.ca/web/committee-proceedings/committees_detail.do?locale=en&ID=7790
Presenter: Ontario Auditor General	<p>Top 3 areas to focus</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Early mental health identification and intervention 2. Need more community based mental health services to support deinstitutionalization 3. Need to move to needs-based funding to deal with inequities in the system <p>Five key points from three areas</p> <p>Child and Youth Mental Health</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Need to focus on early identification and intervention 2. Intake and assessments are inconsistent 3. Wait times are long for outpatient (not for residential) 4. Lack of evidence based treatment programs 5. Funding is historical not needs-based, can't keep pace with inflation 6. Ministry is engaged is a detailed service mapping process <p>Community Mental Health- Adults</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ministry made significant efforts to move to community based services but still not enough: funding still 60% hospital and 40% community 2. Critical shortage of supportive housing: LHINs "cornerstone of cost effective community based care" 3. Funding is historical not needs-based, can't keep pace with inflation 4. Met target of 35 beds per 100K people with community based support 5. Developed good data systems but still problems with data quality <p>Addiction Services</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. People are not being identified and accessing treatment 2. Some long wait times, but better than community mental health 3. Funding is historical not needs-based, can't keep pace with inflation (fewer recent increases) 4. Loss of corporate knowledge with closing of the MOH regional offices, LHINs having less capability to manage the system 5. Good information systems – ConnexOntario has potential
Sub Committee Report	Dates for Southern Ontario public hearings: Windsor June 15 th

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