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RE-AIM Coalition Launches Website to Mobilize Support for Equitable Mental Health Services

Toronto — In response to the abrupt closure of the Asian Initiative in Mental Health (AIM) at University Health Network (UHN) on June 18, 2025, the RE-AIM Coalition has launched a new website [www.re-aim.ca] to inform the public, mobilize support, and demand action. The site provides updates on the ongoing campaign, offers background information, and features a petition that has already garnered more than 180 signatures with the first day from a wide cross-section of community members, healthcare professionals, academics, and affected individuals.

The closure of AIM — a program nationally and internationally recognized for its culturally safe, patient-centred, and community-engaged mental health care model — was carried out without consultation with patients, staff, or community partners. In the weeks that followed, a broad coalition of healthcare leaders, advocates, service providers, academics, and community members came together to form the RE-AIM Coalition. The Coalition is calling for accountability, the immediate reinstatement of AIM, and a meaningful consultation process with affected communities and frontline voices to ensure culturally and linguistically appropriate care for Chinese, Portuguese, and other racialized groups.

The new website serves as a central hub for updates, media coverage, open letters, and frequently asked questions. Most importantly, it provides a platform for individuals and organizations to sign the petition and join the growing movement. The petition can be accessed directly at www.re-aim.ca/sign-petition.

“This website is a public platform to keep the community informed, engaged, and connected in our shared call for culturally safe, community-driven mental health care,” said Dr. Ted Lo, spokesperson for the RE-AIM Coalition.

The RE-AIM Coalition’s demands include the immediate reinstatement of AIM to its full capacity and a cross-sector consultation forum to address the long-standing inequities in mental health access for racialized communities. The coalition’s vision goes beyond reinstating a single program. It envisions a renewed Centre of Excellence in cultural psychiatry and community mental health — one that is rooted in equity and lived experience, and advances care that is culturally grounded, community-driven, and evidence-informed.

“In the face of ongoing systemic exclusion, we must reimagine a future where mental health care reflects the diversity of those it serves,” said Prof. Josephine Wong, another spokesperson for the coalition. “This is about dignity, belonging, and justice.”

To learn more about the campaign, read key statements, or add your voice to the petition, visit the RE-AIM Coalition’s new website: www.re-aim.ca.

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多倫多 — 鑑於「多倫多大學健康網絡」(University Health Network, UHN)於 2025 年 6 月 18 日突然關閉「多倫多西區醫院亞裔人士精神健康計劃」(Asian Initiative in Mental Health, AIM)，且事前未諮詢康復者、社區夥伴及內部員工，引起社區廣泛關注與不滿。RE-AIM 聯盟今日宣布正式啟動一個專屬網站 [www.re-aim.ca]，目的是整合資訊、動員社區力量、凝聚社會支持，並推動問責與行動。

該網站收錄了聯盟的最新消息、背景資料、公開信、媒體報導及常見問題解答，亦設有公開請願書，邀請個人及團體加入聯署，表達對公平與具文化敏感度之精神健康照護的支持。自請願啟動以來，已獲得超過 180 位來自醫療界、學術界、社區服務領域及受影響人士的聯署。

AIM 由馮溥倫醫生 (Dr. Kenneth Fung) 及林彼得醫生 (Dr. Peter Lim) 於 2002 年創立，是一項以康復者為中心、結合社區參與的創新服務模式，致力於提供文化上安全、具持續性的精神健康照護，備受加拿大國內外認可。該計劃不僅填補大多倫多地區華人社區長期以來的精神健康照護缺口，亦是精神健康教育與專業培訓的重要基地。

RE-AIM 聯盟由醫療與社會服務提供者、社區領袖、學者、病人與康復者權益倡議者、「平等、多元與包容」(Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, EDI) 倡議者及社區成員組成。聯盟提出明確訴求，要求 UHN 立即回應，全面恢復 AIM 服務，並召開一場跨界別諮詢論壇，讓受影響社群及前線聲音能真正參與未來規劃，確保華人、葡語裔及其他被邊緣化社群獲得公平與文化上適切的精神健康服務。

「這個網站是一個開放的平台，讓社區能夠掌握最新資訊、保持連結並共同發聲，推動由社區主導的、具文化安全的精神健康照護體系。」RE-AIM 聯盟發言人老洪達醫生 (Dr. Ted Lo) 表示。

RE-AIM 聯盟的願景遠超於恢復一項計劃，更希望建立一個嶄新的「文化精神醫學與社區心理健康卓越中心」，其核心建立在公平、公義與當事人經驗之上，推動以文化為本、由社區主導且具實證基礎的照護模式。

RE-AIM 聯盟發言人黃佩卿博士 (Dr. Josephine Wong) 指出：「面對長期制度性的排除，我們必須想像並共同實踐一個更具包容性的未來，使精神健康照護真正反映社會的多元面貌。這是關乎尊嚴、歸屬與正義的社會課題。」

有興趣支持的人士可透過以下請願連結加入聯署：www.re-aim.ca/sign-petition
網站內容亦將持續更新：www.re-aim.ca

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