

April 28, 2021

SUBJECT: New Executive Director of the John Howard Society of Manitoba

Dear Friends and Supporters,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the John Howard Society of Manitoba, I'm pleased to announce we have appointed Sharon Perrault at the new Executive Director of our agency.

Sharon brings a wealth of experience to this position. For the past six years she has served here as the Manager of Programs. In this capacity she has shepherded several new programs in to fruition. These include the Canine Healing Services pilot project and the 3-year, federally funded, Healing Program for Indigenous Men. She was also instrumental in the development of our new federally funded pilot project, the Healing and Harm Reduction Substance Use Program.

In addition, for the past 21 months Sharon has served as the Acting Executive Director at the John Howard Society of Manitoba. During this time she has given leadership to our programs, guided our response to the Covid-19 pandemic, and increased our financial stability.

Sharon has a wide range of experience working for community based organizations in the social service sector and various levels of government. She has been a site manager for the Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre, and director of operations for the Aboriginal Health and Wellness Centre in Winnipeg.

Prior to her work at the John Howard Society, she served for ten years as a member of the National Parole Board - Prairie Region. In this capacity she took part in Elder Assisted hearings as well as regular Parole hearings at correctional institutions across the Prairie region.

We look forward to working with Sharon as we continue to address the causes and consequences of crime and continue to work with men in conflict with the law, before, during, and after incarceration.

Sincerely and on behalf of the Board of Directors,



Ken Friesen, Chair
John Howard Society of Manitoba

