

# BCDHA Statement Against Racism & Stigma

Current and long-standing discrimination, racism, and stigma are systemic in our society and endemic in our institutions. Recent social and political events have glaringly demonstrated the deep roots of discrimination, oppression, stigma, and prejudice based on race, ethnicity, class, gender identity, sexual orientation, mental health, disability, and cultural identity that exist in our society.

Tragic events in the Canada, United States, and around the world have prompted deep and difficult conversations across society about systemic racism and the frameworks of privilege that allow it to endure. BCDHA condemns the racial injustices and nonsensical deaths of peoples of colour and we grieve for those who have lost their lives unfairly due to racism and stigma, including dozens of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls.

BCDHA unequivocally condemns racism, oppression, stigma, and discrimination in all its forms. We stand in solidarity with those who experience gross inequities due to discrimination. We will continue to look for opportunities to advance change and foster an inclusive association and profession – and we will do so with intention, with purpose, and with your help.

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