

ONE MIND INITIATIVE AT WORK: UPDATES

Global Financing Initiative for Mental Health Research and Delivery



Garen participates in the Healthy Brain Financing Initiative planning meeting at the World Bank in Washington, D.C.

Earlier this year, One Mind met with **The World Bank Group** (WBG), the **World Health Organization**, the **Wellcome Trust**, and other thought leaders to discuss novel solutions for a pressing challenge: the lack of sufficient sustained funding for mental illness and brain health research and care. At the meeting, attendees aligned with the potential for a new funding mechanism to scale up and accelerate brain health efforts globally.

In April, the conversation continued at *Moving the Needle: Mental Health Stories from Around the World*, hosted by **The World Bank** and **The Government of**

Canada at the Embassy of Canada in Washington, DC. The meeting took place on the occasion of the 2018 World Bank Group-International Monetary Fund Spring Meetings with the aim of continuing “to move mental health from the margins to the mainstream of the sustainable development agenda.” Canada Minister of Health Marie Ginette Petitpas Taylor provided a keynote address calling for continued engagement at the event. Also, during the meeting, Garen Staglin provided an update on the effort to create new funding mechanisms, including a “healthy brain bond”, to increase research funding for mental illness and other neurological conditions.

We are now convening working groups with experts in finance, policy, and neuroscience to establish the details of this innovative new mechanism that will respond to the staggering costs associated with mental health conditions that are not well understood or are inadequately treated. We are planning to provide an update to the mental health community in June with the goal of a formal presentation and update to The World Bank later this year.

New Partnerships

The One Mind Initiative at Work is excited to collaborate with new partner **APA Foundation** and new member **Otsuka Pharmaceuticals**.



Elevating Mental Health at the G7 and G20

In advance of a widely anticipated state visit, One Mind engaged in a dialogue with Indian Prime Minister Modi to urge Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau to include mental health in the G7 agenda. India is already among G20 nations seeking to call attention to the addressing other neurodegenerative conditions.

Reaching New Audiences in Mental Health

Garen Staglin was a speaker at the **Milken Global Conference** discussing how mental health and Alzheimer's research can be mutually supportive, advancing brain research and learning new ways to combat neurological conditions. A video of the panel, including Garen's remarks, will be available soon and shared on the One Mind website.

Also this spring, One Mind Initiative at Work has engaged with the **Silicon Valley Leadership Group** and the **Silicon Valley Employers Forum**, as well as the **Department of Labor "Circle of Champions"** – a group of leading companies in disability accommodation and support to discuss how companies can better understand and accommodate mental health challenges.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

In California, One Mind, along with co-sponsor Steinberg Institute, has been working closely with the **Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission** and other stakeholders to advance legislation that would authorize the state's to work with private and public employers, employee groups, consumers and mental health experts to create voluntary guidelines to combat stigma and normalize discussion of mental health in the workplace. The bill, SB 1113, passed the CA Senate with unanimous support and is now headed to the CA Assembly.

The Globe and Mail in Canada recently hosted "Solving Workplace Challenges 2018," a dynamic conference centered around some of the most pressing issues in workplace mental health. The event convened HR professionals, business owners, and workplace health experts. Speakers discussed the importance of cultivating resiliency in the workplace and highlighted some of the most important challenges and [fifty-three organizations](#) across Canada were awarded for their commitment to employee health and wellness.

The UK Society of Occupational Medicine (SOM) recently held a joint event in London with the British **Psychological Society Division of Occupational Psychology (DOP)**, *Mental Health in The Workplace: Challenges and Solutions*, attended by clinicians, mental health experts, and HR professionals. In October 2017, The **UK**



Ministry of Defense announced their intention to improve mental health in the armed forces. Following the similarly timed government publication of [Thriving at Work](#) **Prime Minister Theresa May** commissioned a groundbreaking measure that will provide mental health support for two million public sector workers.

TAKE ACTION

2018 CHRO Insights Series

Expanding on [our first CHRO series](#) from last year, we are interviewing leading HR and benefits leaders at to understand best practices and identify elements of success across sectors and industries. An updated version of the Insights Series will be launched in August 2018. Email k.riddick@highlanterngroup.com to participate in the latest series.

Participate in the Mental Health America (MHA) Work Health Survey

Engage employees in the nation-wide [Work Health Survey](#) by MHA. Survey questions were designed to collect data on workplace culture, workplace stress, employee engagement, and employee benefits, and to explore the relationship between workplace mental health and employee engagement.

For information on current mental health statistics regarding treatment, healthcare, and prevalence, we encourage you to read [The State of Mental Health in America](#).

2018 One Mind at Work Initiative Global Forum

Register for the annual forum in Napa Valley on **September 12th and 13th, 2018**. The event is free and by invitation. You can register [here](#) to save a place.

Questions, comments, and ideas for further collaboration efforts are always welcome. Responses can be directed to:

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