



## Cayman Islands Human Rights Commission

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Dear Ms. Ahearn,

The Human Rights Commission ("the Commission") has recently reviewed the World Health Organisation Assessment Instrument for Mental Health Systems (WHO-AIMS) Report ("the Report").

### Progress made

The Ministry of Health, and the relevant stakeholders, are to be commended for the work that has been undertaken in the area of mental health to date, especially the passage of updated mental health legislation, the creation of the Mental Health Commission ("the MHC"), and added protections for these vulnerable persons.

### Further work needed

Notwithstanding the progress made to date, the Commission continues to be concerned about the lack of services and facilities needed to care for youth, and those who suffer from more intense mental health issues.

### Training

The Commission was interested to note the recognition of the need for appropriate human rights training for those stakeholders involved with mental health in the Cayman Islands and the Ministry and the MHC's undertaking to seek to work with the Commission to develop such training.

The Commission would be grateful if you could liaise with the MHC and provide the Commission with details of the needs of the training, including the number of persons whom the training would need to be provided to, and the timeframe in which it is hoped the training could be facilitated.

We look forward to working with you in this regard.

Yours sincerely,



Ben Tonner  
Acting Chairman