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**New Co-chair and Project Coordinator for Postsecondary Education Partnerships – Alcohol Harms**

**Ottawa, August 1, 2018** — The Postsecondary Education Partnership – Alcohol Harms (PEP-AH) is welcoming a new co-chair and a new project coordinator to the team. Ellie Sadinsky of Queen’s University joins Dr. Catherine Paradis of the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction (CCSA) as PEP-AH co-chair. PEP-AH is also welcoming Lauren Levett as PEP-AH’s project coordinator based at CCSA.

Ellie is Executive Director in the Office of the Vice-Provost and Dean of Student Affairs at Queen’s University. She has been involved with PEP-AH for the past two years on the national advisory committee, and has been chairing PEP-AH’s communications committee, working with CCSA staff on the PEP-AH website, media relations, member communications and development of PEP-AH resources. Ellie is a member of Queen’s Campus Team that is implementing PEP-AH’s [evidence-based framework](#) at the university.

Lauren has been with the CCSA since 2016. As project coordinator for PEP-AH, she will liaise with members and support PEP-AH’s collaborative activities and the impact of its work.

“I am thrilled to welcome Ellie as co-chair and Lauren as our project coordinator,” said Dr. Paradis. “Ellie brings a wealth of project and communications experience that will help us to get the word out to campuses across Canada, and Lauren brings organizational and planning skills to help us coordinate PEP-AH’s numerous meetings and events.”

Ellie succeeds Scott Duguay, who is stepping down after two successful years as co-chair. Scott saw PEP-AH through a period of tremendous growth and activity. His great leadership helped to lay a strong foundation for PEP-AH that will ultimately support student health and well-being for years to come. On behalf of everyone involved in PEP-AH, we would like to thank Scott sincerely for his leadership, enthusiasm and collegiality. We look forward to continuing to work with him on these important issues.

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