

# BRIGHT LIGHTS AWARDS

**Nomination: Health equity at the centre**

**Village Family Health Team**

**High quality primary care for people with serious mental illness.**



In 2011, Village FHT was established with a special focus to provide high quality primary care for people with serious mental illness and addictions (SMI). In 2022, about 20% of its 11,500 patients have a serious mental illness which can create significant burden of illness and challenges to access consistent care - health equity issues. In 2022, with a multitude of patient-centered strategies, patient outcome statistics are equal to or better than provincial average and reflect a steady improvement in health status for this population.