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Thank you to the Manitoba College of Social Workers for a truly insightful meeting this morning.

A couple months ago in the Legislature, I inaccurately stated that social workers aren't mental health professionals.

I've since learned that those remarks could not have been further from the truth: mental healthcare is an essential part of everyday social work.

Social workers are often there for Manitobans at their worst moments.

And beyond intervention, their work creates positive change in people's lives every single day — providing ongoing emotional support, building confidence, connecting families with resources, and so much more.

For those reasons, I want to extend my sincerest apologies to all Manitoba social workers who took offence or felt dismissed by my comments. As a leader, it's important to learn from my mistakes.

Social workers play an indispensable role in addressing Manitoba's mental-health crisis.

Thank you to MCSW Exec. Director Barbara Temmerman and President Jennifer Meixner for engaging with me and strengthening my understanding of this vital profession.