

Continuing Care Council: Highlights 2016-2017

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The Continuing Care Council

Who We Are

- A 15 person member group representing long-term care, home nursing and support, and adult residential and rehabilitation services
- Purpose is to identify and respond to sector issues



Highlights 2016-2017

Built Relationships with the DHW and NSHA

- Regular conversation occurring with MJ MacDonald, Executive Director, Risk Mitigation - Continuing Care (DHW) each month
- Working on building more standard and proactive conversation and communication with the NSHA

Provided input into the Renewed Continuing Care Strategy

- Submitted our recommendations for a renewed strategy
 - E.g., greater investment (capacity, capital assets), a flexible model of care, a social philosophy of care, a focus on quality as opposed to operations, shared, comparable measures (eg. Through MDS RAI)
- Successfully lobbied for a spot on the Continuing Care Strategy Steering Committee that previously had no provider representation



Highlights 2016-2017

Responded to Budget Reductions

- Partnered with the CGO Society and CCANS to voice budget concerns to former Minister of Health and Wellness -
- Working with other providers, the DHW, DCS, and the NSHA to identify and pursue budget mitigation strategies

Responded to NSNU *Broken Homes* Report

- Made the case for resulting committee to focus on recommendations that all parties agree with, including
 - Funding for nurse practitioners in LTC, recruiting and retention strategy for LTC, care team training re: effective teamwork and communication
 - Under review of DHW for support
- Resulted in a committee name change, revised terms of reference, and new membership (co-chaired by Josie Ryan, Northwood)



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Acted on Proposed Phlebotomy Contracts

- LTC informed they would have to enter into contractual agreement with NSHA to provide lab collection services
- In partnership with CGO Society, raised concerns re: impact on clients and costs
- Resulted in clarification document sent to sector, a hold on the contracts (will enter into an MOU instead)

Advocated for Consistency in NSHA Supply Surcharges

- Highlighted the differences in supplies surcharges occurring across province (some as high as 20%)
- If surcharges are necessary, advocated for consistency across the province



Highlights 2016-2017

Provided MAiD Education Sessions

- Worked with the NSHA, Northwood, Shannex, and the VON to offer two webinars on providing medical assistance in dying in continuing care

Other Representation

- Canadian Association for Long Term Care
- Provincial Nursing Network
- Workplace Safety Action Plan for Health and Community Services
- Long Term Care Placement Policy



QUESTIONS?
COMMENTS?