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ACCA COMMUNIQUÉ

Monday, March 11, 2019

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CEO Commentary

We are one week from hearing Premier Rachel Notley's throne speech, slated for Monday March 18, and this is the last week off before MLAs head back to the legislature. Election, and with the warming temperatures, spring fever is starting to set in. The next few weeks are a wonderful and important opportunity to engage with all political parties and candidates to ensure all streams of Continuing Care are made a priority in their platforms.



ACCA will be sending our Members Key Messages to support you in your engagement efforts. The messages reflect what we have been consistently recommending in our meetings and roundtables over the past few months. ACCA members have the knowledge and desire to be the trusted partners in ensuring that our family members, and all Albertans, receive the high-quality health care services, supports and accommodations they deserve.

We have also submitted an All Party Policy on Continuing Care Survey and will be publishing leaders' responses (or lack thereof) publicly later this month. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to ensure Continuing Care is a priority!

ACCA's Greatest Strength: Our Members!

Tammy Leach, Chief Executive Officer

Public Policy

Continuing Care Comprehensive Reporting Committee: The March 11 CCCRC Meeting has been canceled due to limited agenda items. FIRMS data quality check has been ongoing since the last meeting, with the FIRMS team contacting operators for their 2017/2018 Q4 reporting issues. Additionally, [click here](#) for the "2017-18 FIRMS Data-Check: What's Next" document for more information on how FIRMS team would reach out to operators for the 2017-18 FIRMS data review.

Save the Date: Membership Meeting May 9

Please save the date and join us for our next Membership Meeting happening May 9 in Edmonton. Joining us will be Dr. Bill Dalziel and his enthusiastic topic "Passport to Healthy Aging". Other speakers to be announced soon.

Welcome MedcartPlus!

Mississauga, ON-based MedcartPlus, part of Capsa Healthcare, provides innovative medication management products for senior care in Canada. Specializing in durable medication carts, flexible mobile computing carts, narcotics storage, and pharmacy automation solutions. We welcome them to the Membership!

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CLPNA AGM & Conference

The 2019 College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Alberta AGM & Conference examines the

Minister's Annual Continuing Care Forum: The Forum was held in Edmonton on October 5, 2018. The purpose of the Forum is to foster collaboration amongst key stakeholders in Alberta's Continuing Care system and leaders from Alberta Health, Alberta Seniors and Housing, and Alberta Health Services. [Click here](#) for a Summary of the Meeting.

elements of nursing professionalism, with experts from a regulatory, legal, clinical, research and patient-safety perspective. Happening May 6-7 in Edmonton, [click here](#) for details.

Member Value and Engagement

ACCA is pleased to inform the Membership of our **new Board Directors:**

- Shawn Terlson - Shepherd's Care Foundation (Director)
- Gregg Ulveland - Qualicare Health Services Corporation (Director-At-Large)
- Salimah Walji-Shivji - AgeCare (Director-At-Large)
- Bonnie Elgie - Bonnie Elgie Public Relations (Director-At-Large)

ACCA's Board brings a mix of insider knowledge and objectivity to the table. The Board commits to a futuristic approach to governance and to governing with intention, trusting the ACCA team to ensure operational effectiveness and the sustainability of strategic objectives. They are focused on the future of our Members and Continuing Care in Alberta. Join us in Welcoming them!

IQ 2019 Conference

Save the Date for IQ 2019: Catch the Wave! October 23 & 24. Watch for Registration to open in April. www.accaiq.com



Community Engagement

You may recall last year the story of a young student, Mia, who had overheard her parents talking with concern about her grandmother who lives alone. Mia was scared. Her teacher asked her to search the internet to look for any information or ideas to help because, in doing so, she would learn about seniors living at home and it might alleviate some fears as well as give insight into it. She could also help other people who are worried or scared like she is by sharing the information. This would shift her fear into something positive knowing that she has

Research in Long-Term Care

As part of a practice based research project by a Canadian Dietetic Intern, the Aramark Canada Dietetic Internship Program is gathering information about the cost of raw food and nutritional supplements in long-term care homes across Canada. The purpose of the research is to gather national benchmark data to gain insight on the cost of raw foods and supplements.

We invite ACCA Member LTC homes participation

to assist in gathering this important information across the country by completing [this short 8 - 10 minutes survey](#). It is designed to be completed by a food manager/supervisor and/or clinical dietitian and results are anonymous. Please forward this information to the appropriate individual at your care home for completion **by April 15**. If you have any questions, please contact Sumeet Chopra at chopra-sumeet@aramark.ca.

Contact Us

Share your comments and concerns with us at any

helped others with similar feelings. So Mia sent us a great link "50 Safety Tips for Seniors".

Since then, another young student, William, also found a great resource to share with us about keeping individuals with disabilities safe when they are alone.

We invite you to take a look at the [ACCA website Helpful Links section here](#) for Mia and William's links. Thank you to these young people for being so caring and engaged! The more we collectively start talking about seniors and those in need of care, and how we can best support them, the better we will all be.

time, whether online at www.ab-cca.ca or email heather.aggus@ab-cca.ca! Check the CEO Blog in the Members' Section of the website as this is where you can provide your feedback on specific upcoming strategic meetings!

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