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ALBERTA CONTINUING CARE ASSOCIATION

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CEO Commentary

Earlier this month, ACCA [sent this All Party Survey](#) on Continuing Care Policy to the parties asking them to outline their commitment to Continuing Care should they be elected. Parties were notified that all responses received would be shared on the ACCA Website. As of today, we have received a submission from the NDP, which can be viewed on the ACCA [Homepage here.](#)



With three weeks until the Alberta Election, we encourage our Members to share the Key Messages provided in the toolkits in your meetings and discussions. The time to make Continuing Care a priority is now. We need to all ask our candidates what they will do, listen carefully to their answers, and hold them to account.

ACCA's Greatest Strength: Our Members!

Tammy Leach, Chief Executive Officer

Public Policy

Translating Research in Elder Care (TREC) Priority

Setting: On March 14, participants from over 10 organizations (including TREC VOICES, health authorities in AB, BC and NS, the CLPNA, Alberta Health and Alberta Health Services) met to prioritize research questions to be investigated from data that TREC has collected over the years. Through group discussions, 15 top questions to be looked into by TREC were identified. These included themes of:

- The relationship between different staffing levels, patterns, staffing mixes and health professions on resident outcomes;
- The association between engagement in quality improvement, environment, quality improvement initiatives and resident outcomes;
- Leadership qualities associated with positive environments; and

Join Us: May 9!

We are thrilled to have **Alberta Politics Analyst Paul McLoughlin** joining us at our next Membership Meeting happening May 9 in Edmonton. Paul will be speaking on how to engage the government in the first 100 days. You won't want to miss this! RSVP to debra.brunner@ab-cca.ca.

Great Article in the Calgary Herald

An opinion article from Catherine Ford recently appeared in The Calgary Herald. [Politicians neglect growing need for seniors care at our peril](#) outlines many of the challenges facing our industry and why our government leaders must make seniors and continuing care a priority, now.

How Workers Compensation Claims Impact Directors' Liability

[Click here](#) for an interesting article by Greg Meckbach that appeared on www.canadianunderwriter.ca.

- Characteristics of residents in relation to restraint use; resident pain in relation to other indicators; resident profile changes over time and resident characteristics that are correlated to staff burnout.

Member Value and Engagement

As a service to our members, ACCA has subscribed to a daily publication, AB Today, which provides updates and announcements from the campaign trail from all political parties, as well as events happening throughout the province. This easy-to-read report is available in the Members' Section of the website, Resources, **and is updated daily.**

As part of her doctoral thesis, University of Alberta PhD Candidate Noelannah Neubauer has developed comprehensive guidelines that offer proactive strategies to reduce the risk that someone with dementia will get lost. The guidelines were developed in collaboration with persons living with dementia, care partners, health-care professionals, social workers, first responders, community organizations and Alzheimer Societies. Ms. Neubauer is seeking feedback from the public on these guidelines in the form of a 5-10 minute survey. Interested participants are asked to contact her via email noelanna@ualberta.ca or on her cell 780.909.8625.

IQ 2019: Catch the Wave! Members, have you had a positive experience working with Alberta Innovates in an academic or research project that you want to share at our 2019 IQ Conference? Please contact heather.aggus@ab-cca.ca.

Save the Date! IQ 2019: October 23 & 24, 2019 in Red Deer Alberta.

Registration opening soon! www.accaiq.com

Community Engagement

There are lots of great events and initiatives happening within our community and among our Members.

Christenson Communities Ltd. is again hosting their Alzheimer's Face Off Pro-Am Hockey Tournament April 27-28 at the Terwillegar Rec Centre in Edmonton. Proceeds of the tournament will provide Help for Today through their education programs and support services & Hope for Tomorrow through dementia research. Visit www.alzheimersfaceoff.ca for more information!

The Continuing Care Safety Association 2019 AGM is happening April 10 in Red Deer, from 10am to 2pm. The AGM promises to be particularly informative with an array of presentations; register by [clicking here](#). Seating is limited.

Federal Budget 2019

On March 20, Federal Budget Minister Bill Morneau tabled the 2019 Federal Budget. The Canadian Association for Long Term Care (CALTC), of which ACCA is a Member of the Executive, issued a Media Release in response to the Budget. "Seniors living in a long-term care setting were left out of the home and community care investment, were excluded from the recently announced foreign caregiver immigration pilots, and now have been left out of the 2019 Budget". [Click here](#) to read the complete Release.

Continuing Care Connection

Alberta Health Services is launching a new Continuing Care Connection (CCC) website that will replace the Continuing Care Desktop (CCD) that AHS staff and AHS contracted service providers currently use to access information related to Continuing Care. In the coming days, users will receive an email from the AHS IT team providing registration instructions and the link to the new CCC website.

Contact Us!

Share your comments at any time, online at www.ab-cca.ca or email heather.aggus@ab-cca.ca! Check the CEO Blog in the Members' Section of the website to provide your feedback on specific upcoming strategic meetings!

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