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CEO Commentary

It is with mixed emotion that I have started the transition into retirement resigning as your CEO, with my last day being May 31st. It has been my honor to be a part of the ACCA the last few years. I believe deeply in the mission of ACCA and championing for quality of care, quality of life and enhanced wellness for our loved ones who require care and supports. I am in awe at the great care our members provide to Albertans whether in a Home Care, Supportive Living or Long Term Care environment. I am also very appreciate of our Corporate members, their support to the industry and their support of ACCA. I am humbled to have worked with a great administrative team and will miss them and you, our members.



Thank you all for your support, keep up the great work you do every day by supporting the Continuing Care industry or taking care of Alberta's seniors and vulnerable adults.

Tammy Leach, Chief Executive Officer

Public Policy

Meeting with Minister of Seniors and Housing: On May 7, ACCA members had a wonderful introductory meeting with Minister Josephine Pon in which we expressed our commitment to collaboration with the new Government towards the best possible outcomes for Continuing Care.

Letters of thanks and congratulations are being sent to Premier Kenney, the Cabinet Ministers and all 87 MLAs, while letters to the other party leaders thanking them for their past support and dialogues were also issued.

Meeting with Alberta Health and Alberta Health Services: ACCA, along with colleagues from ASCHA, CHAA and SHSA met with John Cabral, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Services Delivery, representatives from AH Continuing Care Branch and AHS on May 3. The governance and committee structure to

Seniors' Week!

June is Seniors' Month and June 2 - 8, 2019 Seniors' Week! As a kick-off to the summer months, AHS is promoting the week as an opportunity to encourage seniors to get outdoors and engage in physical activities that challenge their balance and strength. [Click here](#) for a Communications Field Kit that includes key messages and resources to help plan, promote or support initiatives in your communities during Seniors' Week and throughout the summer.

And, keep an ear out for ACCA radio messaging in support of Seniors' Week; details coming in the next Communiqué!

Occupational Therapy Student Placements

CDI College North is reaching out to build relationships with companies in and around the city of Edmonton who may be interested in Recreational Therapy Assistant student placements. The placements will be looking for practicums starting in September 2019 for exposure in the Occupational Therapy field of work. Interested organizations would

support collaboration and dialogue between AH, AHS and the CC industry is currently under review. AH advised that due to a recent court ruling AH must release contracted provider financial return information if requested under a FOIP request.

Associations were provided with an overview of the online directory being developed to meet the requirements of the Long Term Care Act. More information regarding the directory, will be distributed the week of May 6th.

be assisting in allowing the students to gain valuable work experiences.

For more information, contact Tammy Miko, Practicum Coordinator, at 780.479.7900 Ext. 2203 or email tammy.miko@cdicollege.ca.

Member Value and Engagement



Thank you Members for having joined us at our May 9 Membership Meeting which took place in Edmonton. The day's agenda was very full as we were joined by guest speakers Paul McLoughlin, Analyst of Alberta Politics, and Dr. Bill Dalziel, with his engaging presentation Passport to Healthy Aging. We also provided an update on our Government Relations Strategy, including a look ahead to future GR initiatives.

Derrick Bernardo of CovenantCare was elected to the ACCA Board. Thank you Derrick!

Finally, we wished Tammy Leach the very best for a Happy Retirement. Board Chair Ian Woodcock presented Tammy with a beautiful bouquet on behalf of the Membership.

IQ 2019 Conference: Catch the Wave! Sponsorships and Exhibitor Booths Now OPEN!

We are thrilled to announce that Sponsorship & Exhibitor Booths are now being accepted for ACCA's Annual Inspiring Quality Conference! [IQ 2019: Catch the Wave!](#) promises to be another truly celebratory and informative two-day event. Featuring world-class speakers, both local and international, a fantastic trade show of exhibitors, networking and learning opportunities, and our Awards of Excellence Gala dinner, you will not want to miss IQ 2019!

Visit www.accaiq.com/sponsors/ for more information. We are open to customizing opportunities!

JOIN US! IQ 2019: October 23 & 24, 2019 in Red Deer Alberta at the Cambridge Hotel & Conference Centre (formerly Sheraton Red Deer)

Delegate Registration opening soon! www.accaiq.com

Congratulations Wing Kei!

Congratulations Wing Kei on having once again received **Exemplary Standing** from Accreditation Canada with a perfect score of 100%. In their final report, the surveyors highlighted that Wing Kei's collaborative approach and service orientation have been instrumental in their success in their provision of culturally-appropriate seniors care in Calgary. A fantastic achievement and direct reflection of the love your team puts into caring for their residents!

Funding Opportunity with CABHI

TEC Edmonton, in partnership with the Centre for Aging & Brain Health Innovation (CABHI), is holding an information session on May 17 to talk about the Spark Program. Do you have an innovative idea? The Spark program will provide funding for selected projects, open to any point of care worker or applied researcher within a healthcare delivery organization, community care organization or research institution. [Click here](#) for more information.

Community Engagement

ACCA Members Tammy Leach and Shingai Bowora were pleased to join St. Michael's Health Group at their annual This Is Home Fundraising Breakfast. An uplifting start to the morning, the event, in support of St. Michael's Extended Care Centre Society, provides an excellent opportunity to support the seniors in their care.

Contact Us!

Share your comments at any time, online at www.ab-cca.ca or email heather.aggus@ab-cca.ca! ACCA will be closed Monday, May 20 for Victoria Day.

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