



# FCN4 REGIONAL MEETING

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Dec 16, 2025

**FAMILY COUNCIL NETWORK 4**

**COMMITTED TO IMPROVING THE LIVES OF ONTARIO RESIDENTS IN  
LONG TERM CARE**

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# FAMILY COUNCIL NETWORK 4

***14<sup>TH</sup> ZOOM MEETING  
59<sup>TH</sup> REGIONAL MEETING.***

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This is the place to:

Exchange ... “promising / best practices”

Share ... .....achievements, issues and concerns

Discuss ..... how to be effective advocates

Learn ..... about common issues

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# 2025 At a Glance



- \* **Two newsletters Spring/ December**
- \* **Inaugral newsletter in 2020**
- \* **Published Achievements and Goals**



**Media  
Review Daily!**



**Webpage**  
**Resources and**  
**information updated**  
**monthly+**



**Regional Meetings**  
59 Meetings  
14 Remotely  
2 meetings in 2025



**Collaboration  
Provincial  
Networks and  
LTC Ministry**

**Minister LTC in fall 2024**  
**John Jacobs PA in spring 2025**  
**Arranging MLTC meeting Jan 26**  
**Presented at FCO Conference**

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# **FINALLY: A REPORT LTCH ACHIEVING 4 HOURS CARE (2023-2024)**

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**FCN4 ADVOCACY FOCUS: 4 HOURS OF CARE FUNDING  
SINCE 2012**

**IS YOUR HOME ON THE NAUGHTY OR NICE LIST  
(RED OR BLUE)?**

<https://www.thetrillium.ca/news/health/internal-government-data-shows-which-long-term-care-homes-met-ontarios-hands-on-care-targets-and-which-didnt-11530728>

Name	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Year average
Afton Park Place Long Term Care Community		2.82	3.29	2.96	3.03
AgeCare Aurora				3.86	3.86
AgeCare Aylmer				3.53	3.53
AgeCare Brant				3.86	3.86
AgeCare Elmira				4.59	4.59
AgeCare Glen Oaks				3.56	3.56
AgeCare London				3.60	3.60
AgeCare Parkhill				3.14	3.14
AgeCare Pine Grove				3.53	3.53
AgeCare Royal Oak				3.34	3.34

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**THANK YOU TRILLIUM !**  
**FOR SHARING THIS VALUABLE INFORMATION**

- **JESSICA SMITH CROSS (ED) – UTUBE PRESENTATION OF FINDINGS**
- **FUND RAISING TO PAY FOR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REPORTS**
- **ASKING MLTC NOW FOR FOLLOW UP REPORT ON CURRENT YEAR**

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## REACTIONS

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“KUSENDHOVA-BASHTA, WHO IS ALSO A NURSE, DIDN’T RESPOND DIRECTLY TO QUESTIONS FROM *THE TRILLIUM* ABOUT THIS DATA, INCLUDING ABOUT ANY STEPS THE GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN TO **ENFORCE STANDARDS** ON HOMES WITH LOW STAFFING, AND ITS DECISION TO EXTEND AND EXPAND LTC **LICENCES** FOR HOMES THAT PERFORMED POORLY DURING THE PANDEMIC AND CONTINUE TO SHOW LOW STAFFING LEVELS TODAY.”

# REACTIONS

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- “The difference between those numbers is quality of life. At homes with low staffing levels, residents will have more complications and more visits to hospitals, said Doris Grinspun, CEO of the **Registered Nurses’ Association of Ontario.**
- “It means you’re not getting the care you need — that’s the bottom line,” said Grinspun. “What it means is more pressure injuries (known as bedsores), more falls, more use of restraints — physical restraints or chemical restraints, as in medications — because they don’t have the staffing to engage with residents.”

# REACTIONS

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- Wayne Gates NDP MPP and LTC Critic in Niagara has been on his feet in legislature demanding ministry to take action so all homes are meeting targets
- Networks are sharing with local LTCHs

# GOOD NEWS PAGE

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- Aug 2025 Ministry made the process easier for sites to apply for grants and funding to build or redevlope
- [\*2025 Long-Term Care Home Capital Funding Policy\*](#) and Capital Funding Program (CFP).

# POST ELECTION FOCUS OF ADVOCACY?

Provincial	Federal
<b>Funding that supports care hours (Is 4 hours still accurate?)</b>	<b>Transfer payments</b>
<b>Staffing Crisis (living wage, agency, retention, education funding, excessive OT)</b>	<b>Reciprocity health care workers</b>
<b>Capacity (growing wait list, progress of new and redeveloped space, non institutional builds, spousal accommodation, impact of Bill 7)</b>	<b>Uphold Canada Health Act</b>
<b>Person-centered care as a standard</b>	<b>Transparent collaboration gov't. levels</b>
<b>Quality &amp; Authority (Inspection process focus improvement, penalty consistent, operators license based on performance)</b>	<b>National standards</b>
<b>What else?</b>	<b>What else?</b>

# ACTIONS SPRING 2026?

- ❖ EDUCATE MPPS:
- ❖ STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOUR MPP ABOUT LOCAL LTC ISSUES & CARE HOUR REPORT
- ❖ NEXT ELECTION MAY NOT BE 2029 = LEGISLATION TO CHANGE VOTING CYCLES.
- ❖ BE PREPARED WITH SAMPLE LETTERS/ EMAILS THAT HIGHLIGHT CURRENT LTC NEEDS: MPPS NEED TO HEAR A CONSIST MESSAGE OF RESIDENTS AND STAFF NEEDS AS TOP OF MIND WHEN BILLS ARE VOTED ON IN THE LEGISLATURE.

# WANT AD: RECRUITING

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- ADVOCACY TEAM MEMBERS
  - Variety of skills welcomed – but mostly passionate about quality of LTC with the network to share the workload and infuse new ideas
  - Techie skills help but not essential
  - Articulate the resident needs and solutions
  - Send an email – let's chat

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# SUGGEST TOPICS FOR NEXT REGIONAL MEETING

Speaker / Topic suggestions?

Round Table Discussion of Hot Topics?

In Person meeting possibly in spring?

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Bring your promising practices / unique  
ideas!

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THIS SO IMPORTANT!**

**PROMISING PRACTICES : YOUR TURN!**