



# ADVOCACY COMMITTEE RUNDOWN

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May 25, 2022

**FAMILY COUNCIL NETWORK 4**

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

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# TODAY'S AGENDA

1. BRIEF: WHAT THE TEAM HAS BEEN UP TO
  2. HOT TOPICS - ANY NEW?
  3. GUEST: JANE MEADUS  
LEGAL TEAM ADVOCACY CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY
- WHAT'S NEW IN LTC ACT?

**Family Council  
Network 4  
Advocacy  
Committee**

March, 2022

# Newsletter



*Committed to improving the lives of Ontario Residents in Long Term Care*

**Making Headway! One Step at a Time.**

**NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE PUBLISHED AFTER THE ELECTION**

**MARCH : 52<sup>ND</sup> / 7<sup>TH</sup> ZOOM REGIONAL MEETING**

**WE HEARD: APPRECIATIVE OF GREAT CONVERSATION  
FOCUSED ON HOT TOPICS  
ABLE TO SHARE SIMILAR ISSUES**

**NEXT REGIONAL MEETING AFTER LABOUR DAY**

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# Hot Topics

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1. Staffing Crisis – still #1 challenge / HSSCC pushing for admissions
2. Anxiety re: mental health versus visitations again reduced or stopped with outbreak “wavelets”. Visiting & Isolation practices vary without clear rationale. Acute care admissions- prevent visit if in outbreak. What about unvaccinated visitors?
3. Slow to address care issues – dental care, foot care (both supported in the act)
4. Air quality and temperature regulation: focus again with summer weather and missed opportunity of \$\$\$ last year
5. Dietary Challenges – reduced complaints as more return to shared dining. Raw food budget not keeping up to escalating costs
6. Election Mode – promises/ promises / promises

National Standards - quiet

Ontario LTC Act regulations = effective April 11

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- **Staffing Drivers**

- Hours of Care – meeting targets of 3.25 hours in April  
Funding actually received?
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- Living wage ( 3 hours / hour permanent March 2022 but only for PSWs)
  - Working Conditions / Burn out / Retirement
  - Bill 124 – every party agrees to repeal except PCs
  - Reliance on Agency – hourly rate impact to budget and availability
  - Vaccinations policy – homes signing on to AdvantAge's statement paper (Date April 16)
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## ELECTION EMAIL CAMPAIGN EXAMPLE

DEAR (CANDIDATE)

AS I MAKE UP MY MIND ABOUT WHO TO VOTE FOR IN THE PROVINCIAL ELECTION, I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT YOU AND YOUR PARTY PLAN TO DO TO ADDRESS THE CRISIS IN LONG TERM CARE.

THERE ARE 627 LONG-TERM CARE HOMES ACROSS ONTARIO, OVER 78,000 RESIDENTS, HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS AND MILLIONS OF CITIZENS WHO MAY NEED THAT SYSTEM ONE DAY AND WANT TO SEE IT IMPROVE FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE RESIDENTS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION,

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## PARTNERS/ LINKAGES



### **Resident care model Top LTC priority**

Transformation of care models more important than who provides it

EMOTION BASED CARE

NEW MODELS OF CARE

OPPORTUNITY TO EDUCATE  
CANDIDATES: CARE MODELS  
ARE MORE THAN JUST  
“BUILD MORE BEDS”?

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## ONTARIO HEALTH COALITION

- FOCUS ON STOPPING PRIVATIZATION
  - HOURS OF CARE SURVEY

### FAMILY COALITION – RAISED PROVINCE WIDE ISSUES

- DRAW ATTENTION TO SECTOR WIDE PROBLEMS
  - BACK THEM UP WITH DATA ( SURVEYING TO SHOW PATTERNS)
  - ILLUSTRATE THEM WITH STORIES
  - THEN DEMAND THAT POLITICIANS AND MINISTRIES DO BETTER.
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# QUICK ROUND TABLE

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- Share any new projects or recent ideas that made life better for the residents at your home.
  - What is missing from the hot topics that your home is challenged by?
  - Future Topics – “I wish I knew more about.....”
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# WELCOME JANE!

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- Add questions to Chat
- Use hand raised flag