



Committee Minutes

Committee of Management May 10, 2022 – 9:30 AM

The Committee met on the above date through electronic means with the following members participating:

Present: Councillors Dwight Burley, Scott Mackey, Christine Robinson, Brian O’Leary; Barb Clumpus, John Woodbury

Regrets: Warden Selwyn Hicks

Staff

Present: Kim Wingrove, Chief Administrative Officer; Jennifer Cornell, Director of Long-Term Care; Karen Kraus, Stacey Goldie and Shannon Cox, Executive Directors; Renate Cowan, Accreditation and Quality Specialist; Denna Leach, Clinical Specialist; Mary Lou Spicer, Director of Finance; Heather Morrison, Clerk; Olivia Yale, Digital Communications Specialist and Tara Warder, Deputy Clerk / Legislative Coordinator

Call to Order

Chair Mackey called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Reports

LTCR-CM-07-22 Long-Term Care Operational Report February 15, 2022 – April 14, 2022

Denna Leach provided an overview of the report. She noted that the indicators show residents are requiring a greater level of care. Indicators are assessed quarterly with the Medical Director. The role of the Medical Director was then outlined.

There are opportunities for quality improvement, including use of electronic medical records and enhancing palliative care for residents. All items are anticipated to be completed in the upcoming year.

Stacey Goldie then addressed the Committee, noting that there was one visit from the Ministry. The inspection was conducted at Lee Manor. Infection Prevention and Control Practices (IPAC) were reviewed, as well as policies and procedures. No areas of noncompliance were issued.

Shannon Cox addressed the Committee regarding the outbreaks that occurred during the reporting period. She noted that Lee Manor and Grey Gables experienced outbreaks, including COVID-19 and respiratory outbreaks. All outbreaks were managed effectively and contained. It was further noted that all admissions and transfers are suspended during an outbreak until cleared by public health. Admissions in between outbreaks can prove to be difficult.

Karen Kraus spoke to the efforts to recruit for the care communities. There are an increasing number of applicants. Colour it stories were then shared regarding the unification of two former roommates.

Chair Mackey noted that he had the opportunity to visit a family friend at Grey Gables. The staff were well engaged, and the resident provided positive feedback on the experience.

CM10-22 Moved by: Councillor Burley Seconded by: Councillor Clumpus

That report LTCR-CM-07-22 regarding a Long-Term Care Operational Report dated February 15, 2022 – April 14, 2022 be received for information.

Carried

LTCR-CM-08-22 Long Term Care Covid-19 Update

Jennifer Cornell addressed the Committee on a long-term care COVID-19 update. She noted that COVID-19 outbreaks continue in homes across the Province alongside the easing of restrictions.

The homes continue efforts to offer third doses to designated care partners and team members as they become eligible. Fourth doses are being offered for eligible residents, team members and Designated Care Partners (DCPs).

Further, surveillance testing continues to be a focus. In each of the homes, rapid antigen tests are performed at every visit and every shift which is above the requirement of the Ministry. She noted that on average, between 1 and 3 positive cases per week

are being screened. It is an effective strategy, and this will continue for the foreseeable future as it prevents positive cases from entering the homes.

Collaborative partnerships were outlined.

Recovery and wellness for staff is being promoted. She spoke to the activities being undertaken in this regard.

Questions were addressed from the Committee regarding legislative and policy changes and projections for retirement and staffing.

CM11-22 Moved by: Councillor Woodbury Seconded by: Councillor Clumpus

That Report LTCR-CM-08-22 regarding a long-term care COVID-19 status update be received for information.

Carried

LTCR-CM-10-22 Fixing Long Term Care Act

Jennifer Cornell presented the above noted report. The legislation is a transformation for the positive.

She noted that the new act came into effect April 11, 2022. It seeks to ensure every resident experiences the best possible quality of life, supported by safe and high-quality care. Actions are prioritized in three broad areas: staffing and care, accountability, enforcement, and transparency and building modern, safe and comfortable homes for seniors.

The new regulation supports accountability by setting criteria, expanding whistleblower protection, enhancing screening measures for all staff, volunteers and members of committee of management. Further, improvements to resident safety, wellbeing and quality of life have been incorporated. Resident experiences including more choice around menu planning are contemplated in the legislation.

She spoke to the overview of new and updated tools including remedied noncompliance, written notifications, compliance orders, administrative monetary penalties, increased fines for offences, investigations, license suspension.

Staff will be ensuring the policy updates and implementation put residents first. The teams continue to focus on fundamentals, and working with departmental teams on quality improvement activities and operational planning.

Questions and comments were addressed regarding the risk of the new regulations and the focus on deadlines. Jennifer Cornell noted that when the focus is on meeting the deadlines, the resident experience is not given enough attention. The goal is to provide

resident led “Colour it” care. When that is achieved, the homes will be meeting the regulations and the Act.

Staff acknowledged that legislative changes needed to be made. There is already a strong foundation in our long-term care homes as a significant amount of these new considerations are in the current policies and in the work staff do.

Feedback was provided by the Committee with regard to the updated legislation.

CM12-22 Moved by: Councillor Burley Seconded by: Councillor O’Leary

That report LTCR-CM-10-22 regarding Fixing Long Term Care Act, 2021 and Regulation 246/22 Update be received for information.

Carried

Next Meeting Dates

July 12, 2022 at 9:30 AM

On motion by Councillors O’Leary and Burley, the meeting adjourned at 10:28 AM.