



Long Term & Continuing Care
Association of Manitoba

L'Association de soins continus
et à long terme du Manitoba

2015 - 2016 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is my pleasure to present my report as the President of the Long Term & Continuing Care Association of Manitoba (LTCAM) Board of Directors, for the fiscal year 2015-2016. I am pleased to share a few of the highlights with you.

The Long Term & Continuing Care Association of Manitoba was incorporated in 1959. Our work to raise awareness for Manitoba seniors, and the staff who serve them, continues to demonstrate significant progress. Our website is also an important vehicle for information and education for our members and the public. This year, our website activity surpassed 200,000 page views. (OLTCA: 159,000 and BC Care Providers: 97,000)



Our working relationships and partnerships continue to expand throughout the community, the province and the country. Over the past year, the association has been involved in many new and important initiatives.

Highlights:

As you will hear from the Strategic Progress Report, our focus continues to be on services for members. This includes bringing more of a provincial focus to all endeavors, representing members for negotiations such as the Service Purchase Agreements for example, as well as offering opportunities to network throughout the year, and continuing to explore new and exciting educational opportunities. This past year has been particularly challenging as it relates to SPA negotiations both for the Private PCHs and Supportive Housing. The changes in the CEOs, and acting CEOs of the WRHA as well as the change in Government has caused many delays.

The Annual General Meeting is a wonderful opportunity to recognize the LTCAM volunteer board, board committees, our many other dedicated volunteers, LTCAM staff, Jan Legeros and Jane Hiebert, as well as our numerous sponsors, supportive organizations and associations: provincial, national and international. Thank you for increasing the depth and breadth of this organization as well as raising the profile of long term and continuing care within the health care sector and beyond.

At the 2015 AGM, we were pleased to welcome Charles Gagne, Laura Devlin and Cathy Hauck for another term. The following nominations for Board Directors were submitted: Marion Pringle, Ron Parent and Roslyn Garofalo were nominated. Marion Pringle was elected to the Board. Pursuant to the bylaws, officers are elected at the first Board meeting following the AGM.

Nationally, LTCAM is a member of the Canadian Alliance for Long Term Care (CALTC). The CALTC AGM was held in NB in August 2016. At this meeting, 2016-17 Activities were planned as well as the elections for the board executive. Jan Legeros was re-elected as Secretary Treasurer.

One of the key strategic directions for CALTC in the coming year is driving the national focus on the quality of seniors' lives in long term care.

This year, we say goodbye and a special thank you to Kim Hykawy, who has faithfully and tirelessly served the board for three terms and as our Secretary-Treasurer for much of that time. Kim, your guidance and leadership as a Board member and Officer has contributed to the success and growth of the LTCAM. Please accept this small token of our appreciation.

As we look ahead to the coming year, we predict that our ability to evolve and develop relationships will continue to strengthen. In turn, these relationships will serve to assist the Long Term & Continuing Care Association of Manitoba in its goals and objectives.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason Chester". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Jason Chester, President and Chair, LTCAM Board of Directors