



2016 - 2017 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 2016-2017. I am pleased to share some 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.

The Health Care changes that have been announced and are still to come in MB, offer significant opportunities for the association. Our working relationships and partnerships continue to expand throughout the community, the province and the country.

Nationally, LTCAM is a member of the Canadian Association for Long Term Care (CALTC). The Canadian Association for Long Term Care reached a new milestone this year with the Lobby day in Ottawa, where all of the Board Executive members (Jan Legeros included) had positive meetings with several MPs.

The reception afterwards was a huge success and positions LTCAM as a national leader in long term care. It is fitting that 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.

As you will hear in the Strategic Plan 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 (SPA) 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. Although there some “gains” in the negotiations, both SPAs were extended for two more years.

The Annual General Meeting is an opportunity for us to recognize the LTCAM volunteer board, board committees, our many other dedicated volunteers, LTCAM staff Jane Hiebert, casual person Barry Hoepner, and the LTCAM Executive Director Jan Legeros, 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 2016 AGM, we were pleased to welcome Ashley Martyniw (and myself) for another term and a new Board Member, Roslyn Garofalo. Kim Hykawy retired from the Board after nine years of service on the LTCAM board.

This year, we say goodbye and a special thank you to Cathy Hauck and Laura Devlin who have faithfully and tirelessly served the board. Cathy and Laura, your guidance and leadership as Board members have contributed to the success and growth of the LTCAM. As Laura has already left us, today we present this small token of our appreciation to Cathy.

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, flowing style.

Jason Chester, President and Chair, LTCAM Board of Directors