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2022-23 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 2022-23.

We continue to move forward in our journey of healing in the Long-Term Care Sector and continuing collaborating with our Regional Health Authorities and the with Provincial LTC Integration Network to address long standing gaps within the long-term care sector. We have also had the opportunity to meet with the Honourable Scott Johnston, Minister of Seniors and Long-Term Care to discuss these issues during several meetings and will continue to collaborate with the Government of Manitoba on behalf of our members to ensure sustainable solutions.

On the eve of a Provincial Election, we engaged a national Government Relations firm to assist in the preparation for the Provincial Election by highlighting three priorities as a platform to help secure the future state of long-term care. We continue to support our membership with the engagement of MLA's and political candidates to raise awareness and be visible, valued and recognized as an integral part of the health care system.

We also held our first conference since 2019 which was a great success and seeing the long-term care sector reconnecting in person was inspiring. The true dedication and resilience of the sector was once again showcased and the day was filled with learning, conversation and smiles.

We continue to meet quarterly with MARCHE and the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, as we collaborate to secure an improved and equitable funding formula for the personal care homes. We also continue to participate in the Provincial LTC Integration Network to collaborate on all of the Provincial recommendations to improving the LTC sector.

Although Supportive Housing saw an increase in the per diem rate, we continue to work with the Regional Health Authorities to enhance the model of care offered in this environment.

Our commercial membership continues to grow as we explore new opportunities to partner with them in our work to improve the quality of care for Seniors in Manitoba.

Through our membership with The Canadian Association for Long Term Care (CALTC), there is a continued focus on Bill C-295 and the Federal Safe Long-Term Care Act as LTCAM provides valuable feedback and engagement through the consultation process bringing our members' priorities forward.

The Association continues to work with the Manitoba Seniors Coalition through partnership and

consultation to ensure we are contributing to the Provincial Seniors Strategy. We also continue to provide consultation to the National Seniors Council.

In the upcoming year we look forward to developing our Strategic Plan for the next three years to align with the evolving Senior care and service environment. Our membership continues to grow and we are now more than 160 members strong.

The Annual General Meeting is an opportunity for us to recognize the Association's volunteer board, board committees, our many other dedicated volunteers, our numerous sponsors, supportive organizations and Associations: provincial, national and international. A big thank you to our Association staff Jane Hiebert and Aymee Koop for their continued dedication and commitment. We also welcomed Lexie Graham this year who has added her prowess in technology and energy to our team. We hired Sue Vovchuk as our new Executive Director and she started in in January of this year. Many of you who know Sue, know that she is well suited to this role. Sue is a committed, supportive, and compassionate leader. Sue has spent her entire career of over thirty years working with seniors and has an in-depth working knowledge in Personal Care Homes, Supportive Housing, and Assisted Living Residences.

We have a lot of work and opportunity ahead of us and I look forward to the ongoing privilege of working for our members in 2023-24.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jason Chester".

Jason Chester
President and Chair, LTCAM Board of Directors