

OARC and Ontario's Dementia Strategy

Representatives from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Partnerships and Consultation Unit met with OARC's Board of Directors on September 12th. Board members were updated on Ontario's Dementia Strategy and the group exchanged ideas about dementia education to support and equip Residents' Councils to work with, and confidently represent residents with cognitive changes, including dementia. Residents were recognized as "care partners" to those residents living with dementia, and will be considered in future planning for education and resources. The Ministry and OARC recognizes the need for support, education and resources for Residents' Councils to include the voices of ALL residents. Together, the Ministry and OARC will continue to collaborate to support this important priority.

Congratulations to the Residents' Council of Chartwell Aylmer!

Thank you to everyone who participated! We received a number of entries from Residents' Council who shared their stories about how they are engaged in their home through special projects, programs or quality improvement initiatives. These stories are inspirational and will be shared with Residents' Councils across the province in OARC's next newsletter 'Seasons', due to be released in October. All submissions were entered into a draw for a \$50 gift certificate for Amazon.ca. **Congratulations, Chartwell Aylmer Residents' Council, your home's name has been drawn!**

Does your Residents' Council have a story that you would like to share? Please call, write or email us. We'd love to hear from you! info@ontarc.com or 1-800-532-0201

Leading and Supporting Residents' Councils in Ontario Long-Term Care Homes – *Module 3: The Three Pillars of Residents' Councils* Now Available

Starting May 16th, 2017 OARC began offering virtual education modules providing primary Residents' Council education for Council leaders and supporters. The modules are easy to access through GoToTraining and are free of charge. We encourage you to view these with the Residents' Council leadership in your home. Click on the link below to access the current modules. <http://www.ontarc.com/education-events.html>

Upcoming Education from OARC

An Introduction to Quality Improvement Plans and How You Can Get Involved – Live Webinar with OARC and HQO

Date: Wednesday, October 11, 2017

Time: 2:30 - 3:30 pm

Register here: <https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/3274687960640327938>

Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) Update – Live Webinar with OARC and MOHLTC

OARC will host a webinar with a Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care representative to provide a live update about MAID.

Date: Wednesday, November 8, 2017

Time: 2:30 to 3:30 pm

Register here: <https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/3310009772304294145>

OARC's Through Our Eyes: Bringing the Residents' Bill of Rights Alive



“OARC’s Through Our Eyes: Bringing the Residents’ Bill of Rights Alive” program is designed to teach the long-term care community about the Residents’ Bill of Rights. The education is developed and presented by teams of staff members and residents. A copy of the program can be ordered using the [order form](#) or by contacting OARC at info@ontarc.com or 1-800-532-0201. The program’s cost is \$35 for members and \$45 for non-members (plus \$5 shipping). For more information visit our “Through Our Eyes” [webpage](#) or [click here](#) to view the “Through Our Eyes” program video.

OARC Adjudicates the “OLTCA Resident-Centered Home of the Year Award”

OARC Board members will review and select a home for the Ontario Long Term Care Association’s “Resident-Centered Home of the Year Award”. The award is meant to honour an OLTCA member home that demonstrates significant progress in creating a home-like environment, promoting a relationship-centered culture and advances the Residents’ Bill of Rights. The Award will be presented to the selected home at the Dinner and Awards Gala at OLTCA’s “This is Long Term Care” conference on November 28th.

Ontario Long Term Care Association's This is Long Term Care 2017 Conference

November 27-29, 2017 - Westin Harbour Castle, Toronto

This is Long Term Care seeks to profile new and emerging research, innovation and quality initiatives in a unique forum designed for learning, networking and information sharing. It provides an unparalleled opportunity for Association members, stakeholders and long-term care sector representatives to hear about existing best practice programs, tools, resources, policies and procedures which can be implemented across the sector to address quality of care. For more information, please visit the [conference website](#).

Proposed amendments to Ontario Regulation 79/10 (Regulation) under the Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007 (LTCHA)

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (Ministry) is proposing amendments to Ontario Regulation 79/10 (Regulation) under the Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007 (LTCHA).

These proposed amendments would:

- Enable the designation of spousal/partner reunification priority access beds (RPABs) for spouses / partners who meet the requirements for prioritization in waiting list category 1 (crisis).
 - Separate waiting lists would be kept for RPABs and the requirements for placement on these waiting lists would be set out.
- Require the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care or the Director under the LTCHA to disclose personal information about an individual to a health regulatory college and the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers for the purpose of the administration or enforcement of the legislation that relates to these colleges, where the Minister or Director is of the opinion that it is advisable to do so.
- Permit the Director to designate a specialized unit in a long-term care home on his or her own initiative, after considering the input of the Local Health Integration Network and the licensee of the home. A specialized unit could not be designated without the agreement of the licensee. (The current ability of the Director to designate a specialized unit on the recommendation of the LHIN would be maintained.)
- Permit the Ministry to serve documents by commercial courier. Service by courier would be deemed effective two business days after the commercial courier receives the documents.

A description of the proposed amendments is posted on the Regulatory Registry website at: www.ontariocanada.com/registry

In addition, as required by the LTCHA, notice of the proposed initial draft regulations relating to RPABs and disclosure of personal information is posted on the ministry's public website at: <http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/public/programs/ltc/default.aspx>

The MOHLTC are also requesting that all LTC home operators provide a copy of the information on these proposed draft regulations and regulatory amendments to their Family and Residents' Councils. In addition, MOHLTC requests that LHINs make copies available in their office for members of the public.

Please note that the consultation period is for 45 days, starting on September 11, 2017 and ending on October 26, 2017. Details as to how individuals or organizations can provide feedback to the ministry on the proposed amendments are provided on the Regulatory Registry and the public website. All feedback received during the public consultation period will be reviewed and considered during the final preparation of the draft amendments.

Further communication will be provided by the ministry should the Lieutenant Governor in Council amend the Regulation.

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We encourage you to bring this information to the next Residents' Council meeting in your home. We love to hear from you...
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