

Hello LTCAM Members,

On Behalf of Sue Vovchuk, Executive Director of the Long Term Care Association of Manitoba, we are pleased to share some important weekly updates.

Conference 2024 Healing Hearts and Minds:

1. **2024 Exhibitors/Sponsorship** Thank you to our dedicated Members who've registered for the LTCAM Conference on May 14, 2024. **Invoicing has started** and **64 of 89 booths** are already claimed. Secure your spot at this transformative event by registering now using the [online form](#). Join us for enriching discussions and networking opportunities. Don't miss out!
2. **2024 Awards of Excellence**
Join us on May 14th as we celebrate outstanding contributions in the long-term care sector through the Awards for Excellence. These prestigious awards honour individuals, teams, and volunteers who demonstrate exceptional dedication in various care environments, such as Personal Care Homes, Supportive Housing residences, Assisted Living, Adult programs, and Community and Seniors resource centers. Nominate someone who goes above and beyond to provide exceptional care and service to seniors in Manitoba by **March 1, 2024**. Three winners will be selected by an independent panel and presented with a cash prize of \$250 each at our Annual Provincial Long-Term and Continuing Care Conference. Visit [here](#) to nominate!
3. **Safety Den - Innovate Workplace Health and Safety**
Calling all innovators! Do you have an idea that can revolutionize workplace health and safety in the long-term care sector? Safety Den welcomes your innovative ideas in two categories: Workplace Safety Innovation and Commercial Safety Innovation. Pitch your ideas to our "Dragons" for a chance to win cash prizes and recognition. Category 1 invites ideas from workplaces providing care and services to seniors, while Category 2 welcomes ideas from organizations. Submit your innovative safety ideas by **March 15, 2024**, detailing the concept's impact, benefits, and improvements in workplace safety. Don't miss this opportunity to make a difference! Apply [here](#) and prepare to pitch to our esteemed panel at the conference.

Member News

The 12th Annual Sunday Supper, in support of Jocelyn House Hospice, will take place on April 28th at Niakwa Country Club, with Johnston Group returning as the Title Sponsor. Funds raised directly support hospice residents with expert care, volunteer assistance, meals, and a comfortable home. Businesses are invited to contribute to Surprise Bags, with proceeds aiding the hospice's operations and

celebrating its 39th anniversary of providing end-of-life care in the community.
(See Attached)

This Week's News

1. **Canadian government to wait until after next federal election to expand assisted dying eligibility**

The Canadian government plans to delay the expansion of the Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) program until March 2027, citing concerns about readiness and the need for further preparation. Health Minister Mark Holland introduced legislation to postpone the expansion, with the next implementation date set beyond the next federal election, prompting criticism and debate among senators and advocacy groups. The decision follows previous delays and discussions about the complexities of expanding eligibility, particularly concerning mental illness as the sole basis for assisted death.

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/politics/canadian-government-to-wait-until-after-next-federal-election-to-expand-assisted-dying-eligibility-1.6751323>

2. **National dental care plan registration expands today to cover seniors 72 and older**

As of February 1, 2024, seniors aged 72 and older can register for Canada's national dental care plan, which aims to provide coverage to nine million uninsured Canadians by 2025. However, details regarding how dentists will register, be paid, and the billing process are still being negotiated, with Health Minister Mark Holland stating that information will be shared soon. Over 400,000 seniors have already signed up, but dentists express concerns about finalizing details and ensuring the program's administration is straightforward for both patients and dental offices.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/dental-care-plan-expansion-72-to-76-years-1.7100722>

3. **Strep A, measles in Canada: Here's what experts say**

Infectious disease specialists emphasize the importance of vaccination, with Dr. David Fisman advocating for being up-to-date on all shots, including COVID-19 boosters, to prevent infections like measles and strep throat. Dr. Peter Daley stresses the significance of risk management in activities, highlighting factors like ventilation and crowd density, while also advising on precautions for sexual activity and travel to endemic countries to minimize the risk of acquiring infectious diseases.

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/health/what-infectious-disease-specialists-would-never-do-experts-1.6751661>

4. **Bourgeault and Onadasan: It's time healthcare workers became team players**

Dr. Bourgeault and Dr. Oandasan highlight the necessity of a team-based approach in addressing Canada's primary care crisis, emphasizing the importance of utilizing the expertise of various healthcare professionals to improve patient outcomes. They advocate for enhanced collaboration and coordination among healthcare workers, supported by education reform and training initiatives, to optimize primary care delivery and alleviate workload pressures.

<https://ottawacitizen.com/opinion/bourgeault-and-oandasan-its-time-health-care-workers-became-team-players>

- 5. Unlocking Health Care: How to Free the Flow of Life-Saving Health Data in Canada**
The Public Policy Forum's Taking Back Health Care project emphasizes the urgent need for modernization in Canada's healthcare system, particularly regarding the utilization of health data and digitization. They advocate for empowering Canadians to access and manage their health data digitally, enacting common health data standards, and adopting digital solutions to enhance efficiency and service improvements. Recommendations include implementing interoperable digital health platforms, facilitating e-referrals and e-prescriptions, and prioritizing the shift to a data-driven healthcare system by 2028. Additionally, the report emphasizes the importance of regulating and facilitating the adoption of digital health technology advances to ensure Canada remains competitive in healthcare innovation. <https://ppforum.ca/publications/data-health-care-solutions-canada/>
- 6. The Canadian Medical Association survey**
A survey commissioned by the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) reveals that Canadians trust medical professionals like physicians, pharmacists, and nurses as the most credible sources of health information, with social media platforms ranking low in trustworthiness. While health-related misinformation is prevalent, especially on social media, the majority of respondents believe it is worsening and causing mental distress. The CMA is actively working to improve the quality and accessibility of health system news and information for Canadians, including partnerships with media outlets and initiatives to support credible health journalism. <https://www.cma.ca/latest-stories/fighting-health-misinformation-survey-shows-medical-professionals-among-most-trusted-news-sources> https://www.cma.ca/sites/default/files/pdf/final_CMA%20-%20Media%20Ecosystem%20Study%202024_EN.pdf
- 7. Celiac Canada releases country's first food guide for healthcare facilities: Andrew Coppolino**
Celiac Canada has released a new guide aimed at helping healthcare facilities, such as hospitals and long-term care homes, accommodate individuals with celiac disease by providing gluten-free meals. This initiative, spearheaded by advocate Linda Sill, whose mother struggled with celiac, is seen as potentially life-saving for the one in 100 Canadians affected by the condition. The guide, titled "Gluten-Free Food Service in Health Care: A Practical Guide," emphasizes education and aims to address cross-contamination issues in busy institutional kitchens, with the goal of improving health outcomes for celiac patients. <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/kitchener-waterloo/ceeliac-canada-food-guideline-health-care-facilities-andrew-coppolino-1.7102964>
- 8. This tiny camera means big things when it comes to treatment of stroke patients, doctors say**
A groundbreaking procedure utilizing a tiny camera, developed by Vena Medical in Kitchener, Ontario, has shown promise in diagnosing and treating stroke patients. Doctors involved in the procedure emphasize its potential to revolutionize stroke treatment, allowing for accurate diagnoses and life-saving interventions. The successful application of the microangioscope has sparked interest in its further development and regulatory approval for broader use in medical settings worldwide. <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/kitchener-waterloo/vena-medical-microangioscope-camera-stroke-patient-one-hour-1.7103251>

- 9. Premier, Ministers Visit Selkirk in Latest Healthcare Listening Tour Stop** Premier Wab Kinew and Ministers Uzoma Asagwara and Bernadette Smith visited Selkirk Mental Health Centre as part of Manitoba's healthcare listening tour, meeting with rural healthcare workers to understand their challenges and creative solutions. Kinew emphasized the importance of resetting the relationship with front-line workers, acknowledging their frustrations and committing to address them. Asagwara highlighted the dedication of rural healthcare professionals and noted that their input will directly influence efforts to improve healthcare in Manitoba. The listening tour will continue across the province, with upcoming stops including Health Sciences Centre Winnipeg, Victoria General Hospital, Brandon Regional Health Centre, Bethesda Regional Health Centre, and Thompson General Hospital. Additionally, Manitoba healthcare workers can contribute their experiences and suggestions through EngageMB.
<https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=61857&posted=2024-02-05>
- 10. World Health Organization Releases Guidelines for Large Multi-Modal Models (LMMs)** The World Health Organization (WHO) has issued guidelines for the ethical and governance aspects of large multi-modal models (LMMs), which have gained prominence in various fields, including healthcare. These models hold potential for tasks like responding to patient inquiries and maintaining health records but raise concerns about privacy and safety. WHO recommends investing in public data sets, enforcing ethical standards, conducting post-release audits, and ensuring transparency to mitigate risks associated with LMMs. Dr. Jeremy Farr, WHO's Chief Scientist, believes LMMs can improve health outcomes, but stresses the need for thorough risk assessment and regulation by governments and companies like Epic Systems.
<https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/world-health-organization-releases-6771966/>
- 11. Covid: World Health Organisation claims 'we're STILL in a pandemic' and says virus is 'rampant'**
The World Health Organization (WHO) asserts that COVID-19 is still rampant and the world remains in a pandemic, despite the public health emergency declaration being lifted. Over 11,000 deaths were reported from the virus from December 2023 to mid-January 2024, with the US being heavily impacted. The WHO emphasizes the need for continued vigilance, including vaccination efforts, mask-wearing, social distancing, and improved ventilation, to confront the virus and prevent its resurgence, especially with the emergence of new variants like the JN.1 variant. <https://www.gbnews.com/health/covid-world-health-organisation-claims-pandemic-virus-rampant>
- 12. Workplace mental health – a little strategy can go a long way**
Sun Life emphasizes the importance of developing a strategy to support employee mental health in the workplace, citing the significant impact on productivity, morale, and safety. They offer a free online resource, the mental health strategy toolkit, which guides organizations through the process of building a strategy, assessing employee needs, and implementing proactive support. With mental health claims accounting for a substantial portion of disability claims and total costs, Sun Life highlights the urgency for organizations to prioritize mental health initiatives to prevent absences and associated costs in the future. <https://www.hrreporter.com/focus-areas/wellness-mental-health/workplace-mental-health-a-little-strategy-can-go-a-long-way/383458>

13. 'We're not looking for placebo policy': Health fix will take time, minister says

Provincial leaders received urgent funding from the federal government to address healthcare system issues, but the crisis persists, prompting calls for faster action from health workers. Health Minister Mark Holland emphasizes the need for substantive solutions over quick fixes, as negotiations continue between Ottawa and provinces to allocate funds effectively. While progress is being made, concerns linger about the pace of change and the impact on both patients and healthcare providers.

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/health/we-re-not-looking-for-placebo-policy-health-fix-will-take-time-minister-says-1.6759266>

JOIN US FOR THE 12TH ANNUAL

Sunday Supper

IN SUPPORT OF
Jocelyn House Hospice

Sunday, April 28

RECEPTION – 5 PM

DINNER – 6 PM

Niakwa Country Club

620 NIAKWA ROAD

WINNIPEG, MB

PRESENTED BY



Tickets: \$150

For more information, please call (204) 253-5898
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Sunday, April 28 | Niakwa Country Club

In support of Jocelyn House Hospice

Your organization can become more than a sponsor; you become a partner and cherished friend of Jocelyn House Hospice, our residents and their families.

Thank you for your consideration of support.

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Event Sponsor

- \$2,500.00
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- Company name in the dinner program and on event signage
- Introduced as the Event Sponsor at the event
- Recognition as the Event Sponsor on the Jocelyn House website
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- Recognition in the
- Jocelyn House newsletter –distribution to 4,000

Table Sponsor

- \$1,500.00
- 8 Dinner tickets
- Company name in the dinner program and on event signage
- Recognition in the Jocelyn House newsletter –distribution to 4,000

Sunday Supper Supporter

We appreciate all of our donors who choose to support the quality end-of-life care at Jocelyn House in so many ways. In addition to sponsorship we are grateful to receive financial donations and items for our auction. Donations of \$500 or more will be recognized in the dinner program.

Thank you!

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