

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:



Long Term & Continuing Care
Association of Manitoba

2024 Healing Hearts & Minds Conference

Join us at the Long Term & Continuing Care Association of Manitoba's Annual Conference:
A Celebration of Mental Health and Mindfulness!

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

The Victoria Inn and Convention Centre - 1808 Wellington Avenue, Winnipeg, MB

Dynamic Speakers & Sessions:

Kickstart: Opening Keynote "Stress Better, Avoid Burnout" with Trish Tutton (Figure 1)

Explore: Concurrent Session 1 "Indigenous Pathways to Wellness" by Christine Vanagas (Figure 2)

Discover: Concurrent Session 2 "Moral Injury in Long-Term Care Staff and Management: Experiences, Mental Health, and Ways of Coping" with Dr. Kristin Reynolds (Figure 3)

Engage: Concurrent Session 3 "Mindfulness in Modern Life" with Trish Tutton (Figure 1)

Inspire: Closing Keynote "Darkness and Hope" by Michael Landsberg (Figure 4)



Figure 1- Trish Tutton

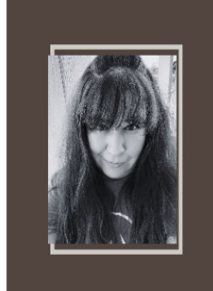


Figure 2 Christine Vanagas



Figure 3 Dr. Kristin Reynolds



Figure 4 Michael Landsberg

Awards of Excellence:

Nominate individuals, teams, and volunteers who demonstrate exceptional dedication and service within the long-term care sector. Deadline: March 31, 2024.

Safety Den:

A Dragon's Den-inspired event: Do you have an idea or innovation that helps prevent workplace injuries and improves the safety and health of long-term care workers?

Pitch your innovative safety ideas! Submissions by March 31, 2024.

Exhibition Hall:

Discover products and services for Manitoba Seniors. Network, learn, and collaborate!

We're excited to inform our esteemed LTCAM members and prospective exhibitors that we're on the countdown to our conference, with only **55 days** left until **May 14, 2024**. This is a reminder to mark your calendars and prepare for this significant event that promises to be a vibrant gathering of professionals and innovators in the long-term care industry. Your participation and contributions are what make this conference a cornerstone event each year. We eagerly anticipate your involvement and the shared insights and advancements we will explore together.

Seize this opportunity to nominate deserving individuals for the Awards of Excellence and to submit your innovative ideas to the Safety Den challenge. There are now **11 days** left until the deadline of **March 31, 2024**. Please submit your entries and nominations today and join us in making this event memorable!

1. **2024 Exhibitors/Sponsorship**

Thank you to our dedicated Members who've registered for the LTCAM Conference on May 14, 2024. **71 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. 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. Apply **here** and prepare to pitch to our esteemed panel at the conference.

4. **Delegates**

Join the forefront of change and innovation in the long-term care sector by signing up as a delegate for the 2024 Healing Hearts & Minds Conference. This is your opportunity to connect with industry leaders, engage in meaningful discussions, and gain insights into mental health and mindfulness that can transform the way we care for Manitoba Seniors. Secure your spot now and be part of a community dedicated to making a difference! See the attached poster for more details and **register today**.

Member News

12th Annual Sunday Supper for Jocelyn House Hospice

The 12th Annual Sunday Supper, in support of Jocelyn House Hospice, is scheduled for April 28th at Niakwa Country Club, with Johnston Group as the Title Sponsor. This event, celebrating the

Hospice's 39th anniversary, aims to raise funds for hospice residents, providing clinical, emotional, and spiritual care, along with volunteer assistance, meals, and a comfortable home. Highlights include the sale of Surprise Bags and fundraising through Live and Silent Auctions, with a call for sponsorships and prize donations to support the hospice's operations. For more information see attached.

This Week's News

1. Supporting Internationally Educated Nurses joining the Canadian health workforce

Health Canada announced over \$388,000 in additional funding to support the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing's (CASN) National Nurse Residency Program. This initiative aims to better integrate Internationally Educated Nurses (IENs) into the Canadian healthcare system. The program will provide mentoring, workshops, and training for IENs and their mentors to enhance team-based care in healthcare settings.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2024/03/supporting-internationally-educated-nurses-joining-the-canadian-health-workforce.html>

2. WatSPEED launches new AI program to transform Canadian healthcare

WatSPEED, the University of Waterloo's professional and executive education division, is launching a program focused on applying AI in Canadian healthcare. The program, starting in May 2024, aims to provide senior leaders and executives with the skills to utilize AI to improve patient outcomes and healthcare efficiency. Developed in collaboration with healthcare leaders, it covers various AI applications in healthcare, including ethical considerations and strategic implications.

<https://uwaterloo.ca/news/watspeed-launches-new-ai-program-transform-canadian-health>

3. Oral Health Providers Can Now Sign Up to Participate in the Canadian Dental Care Plan

Oral health providers in Canada can now join the Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP) through the Sun Life portal, playing a crucial role in providing equitable oral health care. Over 1.3 million seniors are already eligible for CDCP, which aims to address unmet dental care needs due to costs. Providers are essential in this transformative program that starts offering services in May 2024, with certain treatments requiring preauthorization beginning in November 2024.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2024/03/oral-health-providers-can-now-sign-up-to-participate-in-the-canadian-dental-care-plan.html>

4. Manitoba Government Announces New Funding to Maintain 8,500 Affordable Housing Units

The Manitoba government is introducing a new funding model to support non-profit housing organizations, helping to maintain affordability for up to 8,511 social and community housing units. This model provides stable, predictable subsidies to cover operational costs and capital requirements, ensuring affordable housing for seniors and families. The initiative is part of a collaboration with the federal government under the National Housing Strategy, emphasizing sustainable, low-rent housing solutions.

<https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=62497&posted=2024-03-15>

5. Manitoba Government Modernizing Services to Make Life Easier for Manitoba Families

The Manitoba government is modernizing its services by implementing a new electronic death registration system. This system, funded by a \$1.5 million agreement with the Government of Canada, aims to streamline the process and reduce wait times for Manitobans, especially benefiting families during grief. Set to be operational by spring 2025, the system will enable electronic notifications of deaths to the Vital Statistics Branch, improving accuracy and preventing backlogs.

<https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=62499&posted=2024-03-15>

Manitoba government promises new seniors advocate as bills stall in legislature

The Manitoba government plans to create an independent advocate office for seniors, focusing on examining health care, social services, and other relevant issues. This initiative, a promise from the NDP's election campaign, aims to address both individual complaints and systemic challenges affecting the older population. Despite procedural delays in the legislature, the establishment of this office is a key step towards prioritizing senior citizens' needs in Manitoba

https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/manitoba-government-promises-new-seniors-advocate-as-bills-stall-in-legislature/article_ac697d98-3917-5beb-b509-d102dd07862a.html