

## 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:

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We're excited to inform our esteemed LTCAM members and prospective exhibitors that we're on the countdown to our conference, with only **69 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.

We're thrilled to announce extensions for our upcoming conference deadlines! There are now **25 days** left until the extended deadline of **March 31, 2024**. Seize this opportunity to nominate deserving individuals for the Awards of Excellence and to submit your innovative ideas to the Safety Den challenge. With more time on your hands, ensure you're part of celebrating and highlighting the significant contributions within the long-term care industry. Don't miss out on this chance to showcase excellence and innovation. 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. **67 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 31, 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 31, 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.

#### 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

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### **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

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### 1. **LTC and Climate Change in Canada**

The CALTC National Round Table Virtual Event, titled "LTC and Climate Action in Canada," focuses on the increasing awareness of climate change's impact on health and explores how this affects long-term care homes. It seeks to discuss the collaboration opportunities for LTC homes and governments, actions for daily operations with limited resources, and planning for climate-driven emergencies. The event features a panel of experts sharing their knowledge and experiences on these topics. Please see attached for more information.

### 2. **Manitoba Government Making it Easier for Former Nurses to Come Back to Work**

The Manitoba government, collaborating with three nursing regulatory colleges, has introduced a streamlined process for former nurses to return to work. This initiative, led by Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care Minister Uzoma Asagwara, aims to address the nurse shortage by easing reinstatement requirements and offering more flexible options for maintaining practice currency. The amendments, which also include financial supports for registration and licensing fees, are part of an effort to improve the healthcare system and patient safety standards in Manitoba. <https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?month=2&year=2024&day=01&bgnG=GO&d=>

### 3. **Canada's Bill C-64: Laying the Foundation for National Universal Pharmacare**

Bill C-64, introduced by Health Minister Mark Holland, sets foundational principles for Canada's first phase of universal pharmacare, focusing initially on contraceptives and diabetes medications.

The bill, part of the NDP/Liberal Supply and Confidence Agreement, aims to develop a national formulary of essential medicines, a bulk purchasing strategy, and a pan-Canadian strategy for prescription drug use. However, it doesn't commit new specific funding and maintains respect for provincial, territorial, and Indigenous jurisdictions in healthcare. **References** Read the Government of Canada news release [here](#). Read the Government Bill on LEGISinfo [here](#). Read the backgrounder on contraception [here](#). Read the backgrounder on Diabetes medications and devices [here](#).

**4. Manitoba Government Announces Budget Day**

Premier Wab Kinew announced that the Manitoba government will unveil its 2024-25 budget on April 2. This first budget under Premier Kinew's leadership is poised to focus on rebuilding healthcare, reducing family costs, enhancing community safety, and creating jobs. It aims to bring quality healthcare closer to communities, increase provincial healthcare capacity and staffing, and implement new measures to lower costs while promoting Manitoba's low-carbon economy. <https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=62199&posted=2024-03-04>

**5. QDoc: Enhancing Access to Healthcare in Manitoba Through Virtual Services**

QDoc is a virtual healthcare platform in Manitoba that offers diverse medical services including specialties like dermatology, pediatrics, and both men's and women's health. It allows patients to conveniently schedule video consultations or request a call back within two hours, significantly reducing the need for physical visits to clinics or urgent care. The service is highly acclaimed for its efficiency and ease of use. For more information, visit [QDoc - Virtual Healthcare 24/7](#).

**6. 'Burnout and dissatisfaction': New initiative aims to keep nurses from leaving profession in Canada**

Health Minister Mark Holland announced a new toolkit designed to improve working conditions for nurses in Canada. This initiative, created by nurses for nurses and healthcare employers, aims to address the challenges of burnout, stress, and heavy workloads in the nursing profession. It includes strategies for flexible work, mental health support, professional development, and reduced administrative tasks, contributing to a healthier and more sustainable work environment for nurses and improved patient care. <https://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/burnout-and-dissatisfaction-new-initiative-aims-to-keep-nurses-from-leaving-profession-in-canada-1.6793722>

**7. Health minister 'deeply concerned' about rise of measles cases in Canada**

Health Minister Mark Holland expressed serious concern over the increase in measles cases in Canada and the global outbreak's impact on the country. Highlighting the issue of vaccine hesitancy and the importance of following science-based health advice, Holland emphasized the necessity of vaccination against measles. This response comes as the Public Health Agency of Canada recorded a rise in domestic measles cases, emphasizing the high contagion rate of the disease and the effectiveness of vaccination in prevention.

<https://globalnews.ca/news/10333370/measles-canada-mark-holland-deeply-concerned/>

**8. Are you a health-care worker who decided to leave Canada?**

Canada is currently experiencing a significant shortage of nurses and doctors, particularly in rural and remote areas. The federal government has announced measures to alleviate this shortage, including a 50% increase in student loan debt relief for rural doctors and nurses. Data indicates that Canada will face substantial shortages in general practitioners and family physicians from 2022 to 2031, with fewer doctors per capita compared to most OECD countries. Canada is currently experiencing a significant shortage of nurses and doctors, particularly in rural and remote areas. The federal government has announced measures to alleviate this shortage, including a 50% increase in student loan debt relief for rural doctors and nurses. Data indicates that Canada will face substantial shortages in general practitioners and family physicians from 2022 to 2031, with fewer doctors per capita compared to most OECD countries.

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/are-you-a-health-care-worker-who-decided-to-leave-canada-1.6793691>

**9. Ottawa shifting \$10.5 billion to hike spending on housing, health care**

The Canadian federal government, led by Treasury Board President Anita Anand, plans to

reallocate \$10.5 billion from 69 departments, agencies, and Crown corporations over the next three years. This repurposing is aimed at enhancing spending on housing, healthcare, and senior support. The funds are part of the overall government spending plan of \$449 billion, but specifics of the fund allocation are not detailed. Key initiatives include the new dental care and pharmacare programs, with a focus on cost-effective allocation without impacting government services.

<https://www.ontarioconstructionnews.com/ottawa-shifting-10-5-billion-to-hike-spending-on-housing-health-care/>

# LTC and Climate Action in Canada

## National Round Table Virtual Event



**Canadian Association  
for Long Term Care**

## Long Term Care and Climate Change in Canada

There has been growing awareness of the effects of climate change and how it has an impact on our health. Internationally, it is being discussed and declarations have been made on how we can work towards better health outcomes while building climate resilient health systems.

What does this mean for long term care homes? What are the opportunities for LTC homes and provincial/territorial governments to collaborate? What can we do in our daily operations when resources are limited? What should we be planning for to protect residents during climate driven emergencies?

### **Moderator**

Jodi Hall, CEO, CALTC

### **Round Table Panelist**

Terry Lake, CEO, BC Care Providers Association

Eric Doucette, CEO, Seaview Manor

Greg Paliouras, Vice President, Facilities and Asset Management, Sienna Senior Living

Dr. Myles Sergeant, Executive Director, Canadian Coalition for Green Health Care

### Event Details

**March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
12 pm – 1 pm ET**

**Zoom**

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## Meet the Panelists



**Terry Lake**  
CEO, BC Care Providers Association

Terry Lake is the CEO of the BC Care Providers Association which represents operators of long term care services, retirement communities and home health in British Columbia. Terry trained and practiced as a veterinarian and taught animal health technology before entering public life as an elected representative. He served as Minister of the Environment from 2011–2013 and Minister of Health from 2013–2017. He was awarded the Canadian Public Health Association Public Health Hero Award in 2017 for his groundbreaking work on the opioid overdose crisis. [Click here to keep reading Terry's biography.](#)



**Eric Doucette**  
CEO, Seaview Manor

Eric Doucette, is an experienced health care executive who maintains certification with the Canadian College of Health Care Leaders. He is currently the CEO at Seaview Manor, a long term care facility housing 113 residents in Glace Bay, Nova Scotia. In his current role, Eric is responsible for the stewardship of the organization's strategic direction and provides executive leadership, as well as, oversight of all functions at Seaview Manor inclusive of Emergency Planning. [Click here to keep reading Eric's biography.](#)



**Greg Paliouras**  
Vice President, Facilities and Asset Management, Sienna Senior Living

Greg is a construction and facilities maintenance executive with over 30 years experience in Retail, Multi Residential & Institutional Facilities. He has previously held roles in construction management, project estimating, facility maintenance, energy management, environmental stewardship and retail/office design. He is currently Vice President of Facilities and Asset Management at Sienna Senior Living responsible for maintaining over 90 buildings in a comfortable, safe, and compliant state for there residents and team members.



**Dr. Myles Sergeant**  
Executive Director, Canadian Coalition for Green Healthcare

Dr. Myles Sergeant is a family physician who has worked with vulnerable populations, including people experiencing homelessness and/or addictions, and the elderly, over the past 25 years. Recognizing the intersection between environmental issues and health, he is dedicated to addressing climate change issues and has co- founded Partnerships for [Environmental Action by Clinicians and Communities for Health care facilities](#), the charity [Trees for Hamilton](#) in 2012, and the not-for-profit [Shelter Health Network](#) in 2005. He is now the Executive Director of the Canadian Coalition for Green Healthcare.



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  
or email [jbouvier@jocelynhouse.ca](mailto:jbouvier@jocelynhouse.ca)

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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.**

#### Title Sponsor



#### Event Sponsor

- \$2,500.00
- 8 Dinner tickets
- 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
- Company name in post-event social media
- 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!*

**Jacqueline Bouvier**

Manager of Volunteers, Spiritual Care and Development  
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I would like to purchase the following ticket(s):

**Individual Tickets:** \$150 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Table of 8:** \$1200 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Table Sponsor:** \$1500 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Event Sponsor:** \$2500 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I am unable to attend but would like to make a donation of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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- Cheque – Jocelyn House Hospice
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Please complete and send to:

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*Thank you* for your support of Jocelyn House Hospice.

