



WEEKLY ROLLOUT

ROLLING OUT KEY INFORMATION & UPDATES FOR OUR MEMBERS

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In the News

[Discussion with Minister Hussen: Minister Pon \(GoA\)](#)

[Helping Canadian veterans deal with homelessness in Edmonton](#) (CTV News)

[Alberta Health Services cutting hundreds of nursing positions: UNA and NDP](#) (Global News-AB)

[Staff say long-term care failing patients due to staffing shortages](#) (Regina Leader-Post)

[Chinese-born seniors share views on elder abuse](#) (Medical Express-ON)

['Dementia barber' helps Côte Saint-Luc men relive old times with a sensory experience](#) (CBC News QC)

['Cheaper, warmer and newer': P.E.I. seniors move into new affordable building](#) (CBC News-PEI)

[Seniors are Canada's fastest growing group of cannabis users: StatCan](#) (Daily Stock Dish-ON)

Executive Director Tidbits

I don't know how we've arrived at December already, but ready or not...it's here! I hope you will all share the magic of the season with us, whether through photos of your festivities on social media, or sending us a quick email – we're here to help spread the holiday cheer you bring to your residents/tenants! Last week was a super productive work week, and the week ahead is filled with many meetings that we have been preparing for. I am so thrilled to see your discussions on ASCHA Connect, and look forward to being more connected with your realities on a daily basis.

PRIORITY DRIVEN PROGRESS

Advocacy & Public Relations

Alberta Dementia Strategy & Action Plan (ADSAP) Implementation & Monitoring Committee

[Key Messages](#) from the Oct. 29 Meeting.

Response from Dr. Verna Yiu – Alberta Health Services (AHS)

As you recall, ASCHA submitted a letter to AHS noting members' concern over zero percent increases to designated supportive living and AHS contracted services. We received the following [response](#) from Dr. Verna Yiu. AHS is still awaiting word on their funding, and we will need to work collaboratively with them on solutions that will actually work for Albertans, given this period of fiscal restraint.

In the Legislature - Highlights from Nov. 6 - 21

The main areas of debate centred around government spending, the 2019 budget cuts, Bill 207 and Bill 22. The House recognized National Housing Day (Nov. 22) on Nov. 21, and ASCHA was appreciative of being a formal guest of the Legislature during this session. Highlights of legislative discussions from Nov. 6 – 21, relative to our members, can be found [here](#).

Strategic Leadership

Red Tape Reduction Submission

Thank you to all our members who took part in providing feedback on our streamlining survey and discussions. We compiled the information we received from you, and prepared a submission that was sent to the Associate Minister of Red Tape, Alberta Seniors & Housing, Alberta Health, Municipal Affairs and Alberta Health Services. The most common areas in need of red tape reduction, according to our members, are: Auditing and Reporting; AHS – Master Services Agreements (MSAs) – Access to Added Care and Other Funding/Services; Capital Planning Processes; Home and Community Care; and Building and Fire Codes Applicable to Supportive Living Occupancies. The report is available in the Member Area of our website under Member Resources.

[Baby boomers are expected to move out of 21 million homes across the US in the next 2 decades](#)

(Business Insider-USA)

Resources

[Edmonton Seniors Coordinating Council Link Letter](#)

[FOCUS on Healthcare expanded to include continuing care](#) (AHS)

[Continuing Care Connection - Quarterly Newsletter](#)

[HQCA releases survey results on the experiences of seniors receiving home care services in Alberta](#) (HQCA)

[Chartwell Blog](#)

Upcoming Events

Dec. 9

[The future of Patient Safety- Status Quo or Innovate! - CCHL Webinar](#)

May 28, 2020

[National Housing Conference](#)

Calgary - February 11,

18, & 25, 2020

Edmonton - March 2, 3,
& 4, 2020

[Human Factors in Healthcare Course](#)

Apr. 6-8

[2020 ASCHA Convention and Tradeshow](#)

[Employment Opportunities](#)

First Results from Canadian Housing Survey (CHS)

On National Housing Day, Statistics Canada released its first set of results from the 2018 CHS. It has some excellent data on the changes related to housing across the country. Over one in ten renters in Canada live in social or affordable housing. [Read more.](#)

Membership Engagement

Laura Crawford Scholarship Award

Applications are now being accepted for the Laura Crawford Scholarship Award of \$1000, which is granted to one applicant annually registered in or attending the ASCHA/RDC Site Manager or the Activity Coordinator Program. [For more information.](#) The application deadline is Jan. 31, 2020.

Inclusive Direction – Member Questions Answered

One of the questions we have been hearing is “will this inclusive direction cost members more money?” In short, if you only provide seniors housing, there will be no additional costs to you beyond regular increases that were already approved in the 3-year membership fee schedule. In fact, in 2020, there will be no impact to you at all, regardless of your portfolio. For current members that have non-seniors housing, you will not be charged for your non-seniors housing units in 2020. We know that, should the membership vote in support of the inclusive direction be approved at the AGM, additional services and expanded member benefits will not happen the next day. They will take some time to develop, and member services will transform gradually to be more inclusive. Our Board has approved key principles to guide member fees, which includes ensuring that non seniors housing unit fees are affordable and realistic given expectations in delivering valuable products and services. As always, our membership will be directing us, and has ultimate approval of membership fee schedules.

Other Information

Congratulations to Revera

Waterstone Human Capital announced that Revera Inc. is being recognized as having one of Canada’s most admired corporate cultures. [Media release](#)

Did You Know

The ASCHA Member Vacancy page has around 200 units listed and has recently become the most visited page on the Alberta Seniors Housing Directory. Have any vacancies you would like to highlight? Any ASCHA Member can do so [here](#).