

## In the News

[More affordable homes for Leduc residents](#) (GoA)

[First step of \\$20M commitment to enhance palliative care](#) (GoA)

[Pressure from cities for Ottawa to provide homeless supports grows](#) (CTV News)

[Athabasca and Westlock identified for continuing care projects](#) (Town and Country Today – AB)

[Duet bike gives seniors in Alberta care home sense of freedom during pandemic](#) (Global News)

[Grande Spirit Foundation hoping to add second new seniors facility in Spirit River](#) (everythinggp.com)

[Silvera for Seniors set to break ground on next phase of Glamorgan Campus](#) (Calgary Herald)

[Families concerned long-term caregiver changes won't be implemented, and N.S. can't enforce them](#) (Global News NS)

[Yardi releases enhanced platform for public housing agencies](#) (mpamag.com-USA)

[New York Times v. the Nursing Home Industry](#) (Seniorlivingforesight.net-USA)

**Resources**  
[ASCHA Connect](#)

## From the Desk of the Director of Member Relations

With the leaves starting to fall, as much as there is a sense of a “return to normal,” we know that there is also some trepidation as we approach the colder months within the scope of this pandemic. ASCHA is here as your resource to guide you through the months to come. ASCHA had the opportunity to attend the Alberta Health Services (AHS) Edmonton Zone Response to COVID-19 discussion call on Sep. 10, where a panel of leaders spoke about their learnings from the pandemic. We were also happy to attend Silvera for Seniors’ [virtual ground breaking](#) of their Glamorgan Campus – congratulations on this move forward to provide more housing options to Calgary’s seniors. A comment was made by a panel member during one of our virtual meetings, which we would like to share with you: “COVID-19 is a great equalizer. It does not select the private sector or public sector; it selects any and all, and it will take a village to support the recovery from it.”

*Jeannette*

## PRIORITY DRIVEN PROGRESS

### Advocacy & Public Relations

#### COVID-19 Provincial Coordination Discussion

ASCHA took part in the COVID-19 Provincial Coordination Discussion with Alberta Health (AH) on Sep. 8. Work is currently underway on workforce surge planning through site-based risk assessments. Strategies to potentially support at-risk sites, based on COVID-19 experience, will require additional work. Operators are reminded that contingency plans must be in place for low to high risk workforce surge planning. Should you require an exemption from the single-site worker order for a specific site, this can be explored with AH.

#### Chief Medical Officer of Health Order 32/2020 Operator Discussion

Operators were invited by AHS to attend two Question and Answer sessions specific to CMOH Order 32-2020. Clarification on multiple aspects of the order were given during this meeting, (e.g.: there is no stipulation on whether swabbing consent must be written or verbal. If the site chooses to obtain verbal consent, the name of the employee, the person giving the consent, and the date and time should be kept in the resident health chart or folder as a record.) The Order has increased flexibility for decisions to be made locally, and relies heavily on risk-based assessments in collaboration with residents, families, and employees.

#### Alberta Seniors and Housing COVID-19 Information

The following [information](#) was sent to all Housing Management Bodies by Alberta Seniors and Housing on Sep. 11 and pertains to Independent Living and the Lodge Program.

### Bold Leadership and Sector Reformation

#### Continuing Care Quality Indicator Working Group

A sub task force from this working group has been struck, and is currently working through the gaps identified in the Wettlaufer Report on the intentional harm caused by a health professional in Ontario. ASCHA has a representative on this task force to look at ways to close the gaps for all licensed Supportive Living, to ensure vulnerable seniors in Alberta are kept safe and free from intentional harm.

[Chartwell Blog](#)

[Verve Senior Living Blog](#)

[Points West Living  
Newsletter](#)

[CMHC Housing Research](#)

[CCSA Newsletter](#)

## Upcoming Events

**Sep. 15**

[Best Practices for  
Reviewing Benefit Plans  
and Health & Wellness  
Programs Webinar](#)

**Sep. 16, 23**

[Respiratory Illnesses and  
Influenza in the COVID-  
19 Era Webinar Series](#)

**Sep. 16,**

[Human Factors in  
Healthcare Part 2:  
Medication Safety](#)

**Sep. 22**

[Unfunded Licensed  
Supportive Living  
Providers Brainstorming  
Discussion](#)

**Sep. 29**

[Introduction to CARF  
Aging Services  
Accreditation -  
Complimentary Webinar](#)

**Oct. 1**

[MedROAD: Creating  
Preventative Measures  
via Virtual Care](#)

**Oct. 1**

South Region Meeting  
[Registration - Agenda](#)

**Oct. 2**

Central Region Meeting  
[Registration - Agenda](#)

## REMINDER – Thank you for promoting the COVID-19 Seniors Lodge Survey

Thank you to everyone who forwarded the information two weeks ago about the *Health Quality Council of Alberta's (HQCA) COVID-19 Seniors Lodge Family and Resident Experience Study* to residents and family members. The HQCA greatly appreciates your continued support! The results from this survey will help identify what has been working well and what could be improved in seniors' lodges during Alberta's pandemic response. The HQCA is hoping to increase the amount of survey respondents and has extended the survey deadline to Oct. 30. ASCHA encourages you to send another reminder to your residents and their family members. If you would like more information about the surveys, or have misplaced the promotional email or advertisement poster, please contact [Ryan.Reyes@hqca.ca](mailto:Ryan.Reyes@hqca.ca).

## Membership Engagement

### COVID-19 Member Discussion Forum

ASCHA held a member discussion call on Sep. 8. The summary is linked [here](#). For the most part, members appear to be more familiar with the language and structure of the Orders, which has made it increasingly easier to operationalize. Over the past few months, AH has listened as we have advocated to have member concerns addressed, and to ensure Orders are clarified for better interpretation. AH has worked with various associations to assist in simplifying the language for ease of reference.

### New ASCHA Connect Communities

We are excited to announce two new communities on ASCHA Connect! Don't have an account yet? Join [here](#)!

1. **The Lobby - Where Operators and Vendors meet:** this community is now open for all Associate members and Regular members to join! We know the best decisions are made in the lobby at our event venues, so why not create that opportunity online? Share and promote education and resources that your company has created, and have your goods and services questions answered. Participate in the discussion group to share answers and insights around seniors housing providers' questions. Learn about new innovations, resources, and needs of the sector. Both regular and associate members can join this community [here](#)!
2. **Human Resources (HR) Community:** this community was launched in response to several members asking for it! This is a community specifically for our Regular members' HR professionals, and other positions within our Regular member organizations who perform this role. Connect and discuss human resources related topics and issues with your colleagues. Regular members in this role, or with interest can join this community [here](#)!

### ASCHA Connect Updates for Regular Members

Regular Members are encouraged to discuss all matters related to COVID-19 and other sector-related questions on the ASCHA Connect platform. If you are seeking support and advice from other operators during this time, create an account and log in [here](#). If you would like to see all the posts related to COVID-19 in one place, please click [here](#). The main discussion topics on ASCHA Connect this week were:

[Single site workers clarification](#)

[New Community: Human Resources Community](#)

[The Lobby - now launched with all Associate and Regular Members!](#)

## Oct. 8

North Region Meeting

[Registration - Agenda](#)

## Oct.14

[Human Factors in  
Healthcare Part 3: Mock-  
up Evaluations Inform  
CapitalCare Norwood  
Design](#)

## Oct. 19-20

[Hoarding Interventions  
Conference](#)

## Oct. 21

[Connecting to Prevent  
Falls](#)

## Nov. 3-4

[SGP – Education Day and  
Tradeshaw](#)

## **Employment Opportunities**

Members can submit  
vacant positions to us  
[here](#).

## Other Information

### **New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) 2020-2021**

On Sep. 9, the Government of Canada launched the New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) 2020-2021 call for proposals for community-based projects across Canada. The deadline to submit applications is Oct. 20 at 3:00 pm Eastern time. Go to the [website](#) for more information. To simplify the application process and provide funds more rapidly, organizations can now complete and submit project proposals using an online form: [Small grants of up to \\$5,000](#) or [Regular grant of up to \\$25,000](#).

### **Request to share survey/focus group information - By Us For Us Guide Social Isolation and Dementia project**

The By Us For Us© Working Group from the [Murray Alzheimer Research and Education Program](#) (MAREP) at the Schlegel-University of Waterloo Research Institute for Aging (RIA), in partnership with Behavioural Supports Ontario are inviting people living with dementia and their care partners to take part in the development of a new [By Us For Us© information guide](#) on the topic of dementia and social isolation. The purpose of the project is to learn about how dementia might affect social inclusion and how people engage with their community after a dementia diagnosis. We are asking for your help in recruiting people living with dementia and their care partners, to participate by attending an online focus group, telephone interview or filling out an online or paper survey. Paper copies of the survey with return (postage paid) envelopes can also be requested. You can also access the following communication tools: [social media](#), [email](#) and [poster](#).