

## In the News

[Phase 2B vaccine appointments available through AHS](#) (GOA)

[Good news in Alberta's recent COVID data: Cases are down among those aged 80+](#) (CBC)

[PCN Use Home Health Monitoring to Improve Patient Care Project](#) (Financial Post)

[Canada Provides Affordable Housing for Seniors in Temiskaming Shores](#) (Canadian NewsWire)

['Hasn't been able to spread:' Still no flu cases recorded in Alberta this season](#) (Sherwood Park News)

[Bridgeland Place affordable housing building decommissioned by the city](#) (LiveWire Calgary)


[Vaccines curbing infection, death rates among Alberta seniors, data suggests](#) (Calgary Herald)

[Modular building expedites affordable housing and long-term care construction during the pandemic](#) (Daily Commercial News)

[Canada's nursing homes have worst record for COVID-19 deaths among wealthy nations: report](#) (CBC)

## Executive Director Tidbits

April is officially here, and our first ever virtual Convention and Tradeshow kicks off this week. We hope you are all ready to be adventurous agents of opportunities with us! It has been two years since we were all together, and while we know that virtual isn't as dynamic as being in person, let's make the best of it. My goal is to have as many discussions with you as possible, learn, and have some fun without having sore feet! "See you" there.



## PRIORITY DRIVEN PROGRESS

### Advocacy & Public Relations

#### COVID-19 Provincial Stakeholders Coordination Meeting

This group met on Mar. 30 for discussion on COVID-19-related concerns and plans. The vaccine rollout continued to be a topic of discussion with updates given on the phased-in implementation plan. Rapid screening is being discussed as potentially including visitors. It was stressed that like vaccinations, rapid screening is voluntary and cannot be mandated. Town halls will be occurring on Apr. 8 and 9 to discuss Orders 29, 32-2020. Discussion took place on the Monitoring and Compliance Audits that have taken place during the pandemic. It is crucial that the timecards for your Comfort Care Aides are legible and signed off by the responsible person prior to submission. These employees need to be paid on time and the illegibility and unsigned documents are resulting in payment delays.

#### Alberta Health (AH) Critical Worker Benefit Expanded and Due Date Extended

The AH Critical Worker Benefit has been expanded to include more workers, your contractor's employees, and an extension of the application date to Apr. 7. See more details [here](#).

#### Highlights from the Legislature

The legislature last met on Mar. 25 and will resume on Apr. 6. Here is a [summary](#) of the Mar. 17 meeting of the Standing Committee on Families and Communities in which Minister Pon answered questions about Alberta Seniors and Housing's 2021-22 budget.

#### Government Session at ASCHA Convention and Tradeshow

On Apr. 7, ASCHA Convention & Tradeshow delegates are invited to attend the main plenary session from 1:00 to 3:15 pm, which will feature staff from Alberta Seniors and Housing presenting on the Affordable Housing Review and staff from Alberta Health presenting on the Facility-Based Continuing Care Review and the Home Care Redesign. There will be an opportunity to ask questions. If you are attending the Convention be sure not to miss this important discussion on upcoming program and proposed legislative changes.

### Bold Leadership & Sector Reformation

#### Rent Assistance Technical Briefing

ASCHA staff and a majority of our Housing Management Body members participated in a technical briefing on the [Rent Assistance Benefit \(RAB\) and Temporary Rent Assistance Benefit \(TRAB\)](#). Applications for RAB opened Apr. 1 and applications for TRAB open May 1.

#### Continuing Care Quality Committee/Quality Indicator Working Group (CCQ/CCQI-WG)

On Apr. 1, ASCHA represented its members at the CCQ/CCQI-WG meeting. A full review of the Terms of Reference was completed, and feedback will be given on the amendments. Quality of life measures will now play a large role in the indicators, and this group will be looking to you to provide input into what these indicators could include. Monitoring and Compliance audits continue, and non-compliances continue to be in the areas of staffing

[As house prices soar, is home ownership in Canada becoming something only the rich can afford?](#) (CBC)

[Project aims to create 'unified voice' for community housing groups in N.S.](#) (CBC)

[Red Deer city council votes to move homeless shelter out of downtown](#) (Red Deer Advocate)

[There may be a solution to our hot, hot housing market — if we just wait for it](#) (Financial Post)

[Once mocked, Victoria's 'big idea' pays off in housing for people in need](#) (Times Colonist)

## Resources

[Can a Large City End Homelessness? Large cities face unique challenges, but have successfully driven reductions in homelessness](#)

[Chartwell Blog](#)

[Verve Senior Living Blog](#)

[Points West Living Newsletter](#)

## Upcoming Events

### April 7-9

2021 ASCHA Convention & Tradeshow

### April 8

[Lived Experience & Ending Homelessness](#)

during outbreaks, enhanced cleaning PPE, screening, and safe visitation. A major gap has been identified in the training of employees in proper enhanced cleaning processes.

## Membership Engagement

### Welcome New Members

[PPG Architectural Coatings \(Dulux\)](#)

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### ASCHA Member Cellular Program

We'd like to remind all our members, that you have access to [ASCHA's Member Cellular Program](#) for all company accounts, as well as to the [Member Employee Cellular Program](#) that bills employees directly on their own accounts through a partnership with 8760. This plan provides the option for Members who have an existing company invoice for staff phones to potentially reduce their monthly expenses. Cost comparison analytics between a current cellular invoice and the available ASCHA rates are complimentary and provided at no cost to Members. If you are interested in seeing how your current rates compare to those offered through the program, **please visit the 8760 Virtual Booth, and talk to Michelle Kerr** at our upcoming Convention & Tradeshow.

### ASCHA/Red Deer College Certificate Program

To learn more about the programs offered, **visit us at the 2021 ASCHA Tradeshow booth**. Upcoming Courses for Site Managers and Activity Coordinators

May 6 [Leadership Skills](#)

May 12 [Personal & Professional Development](#)

[Contact us](#) to get your 25% off member discount code prior to registering.

### "Cognitive Resilience" Leadership Series

We are proud to offer our members the Leadership Series "Cognitive Resilience" training in partnership with Thought Architects. This is the most practical leadership course you can take, with online seminars, coaching, and lots of sensemaking opportunities. It is making leadership fit for you. [For more information](#). If you register for the whole series, you can apply to the [Canada Alberta Job Grant](#) to cover two thirds of the training cost. All ASCHA Members receive 15% off the tuitions fee, [contact us](#) to get your coupon prior to registering. [To register](#)

### ASCHA Connect

Regular Members are encouraged to discuss all matters related to COVID-19 and other sector-related questions in ASCHA Connect. 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:

[Critical Worker Benefit - NEW INFORMATION AND EXTENSION JUST IN OHS Act Review - ONLINE SURVEY - Due May 10, 2021](#)

## April 15

[Leading with Data: Data-Led Decision Making for Non-Profit and Social Sector Leaders](#)

## April 19

[REACH Films: The Great Disconnect](#)

## April 27-29

[CHRA Virtual Congress on Housing and Homelessness](#)

## June 1-3

[Canadian Rural and Remote Housing and Homelessness Symposium \(Virtual\)](#) RD

## [Employment Opportunities](#)

Submit vacant positions [here](#).

## 2021 ASCHA Convention & Tradeshow



Our event starts soon! We are all excited to see you there! **All Delegates and Exhibitors were sent their individual secret access code to the virtual event platform on Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** from [events@ascha.com](mailto:events@ascha.com). Please check your inbox. If you did not receive your passcode please reach out to

Marnie, ASCHA's Event Coordinator, at [events@ascha.com](mailto:events@ascha.com). If you click on the link for the virtual event platform, you will see a countdown timer. On April 6, the event site will go live, the countdown timer will disappear, and you will see a box where you enter your name, email, and password. If you have any issues at all, please email [events@ascha.com](mailto:events@ascha.com) or call the office at 780.439.6473 and leave a message. We will return your call as soon as possible.

Make sure you watch the videos on 'How to Create that In-Person Feeling at Home'

- ['How to Create that In-Person Feeling at Home' - Arriving at the Event](#)
- ['How to Create that In-Person Feeling at Home' - Creating your own Delegate bag](#)
- ['How to Create that In-Person Feeling at Home' - Conference Breakfast at Home](#)

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