

In the News

[Developers eyeing multifamily projects ahead of looming Edmonton population boom](#)
(Edmonton Journal)

[Aging beyond retirement: How Canadians can afford to grow old](#) (Edmonton Journal)

[Building Housing Solutions Together: CMHC Releases 2021 Annual Report](#)
(Canada NewsWire)

[OPINION: Housing co-ops could solve Canada's housing affordability crisis](#)
(Toronto Star)

[INTERVIEW: Ahmed Hussen has a plan to solve Canada's housing crisis](#) (Macleans)

[Facing criticism, Ottawa to reform affordable housing programs worth billions](#)
(CBC News)

[Ottawa resident creates local food pantry to help seniors living with food insecurity](#) (The Globe and Mail)

[Living in Fear](#) (CBC News)

[Reactions to Ontario's Budget Range from Frustration to Relief on Housing Front](#) (Storeys)

[Consultants say Fredericton needs own 'housing entity' to create more affordable units](#) (CBC News)

Resources

[Chartwell Blog](#)

Executive Director Tidbits

We hope all the mothers out there had the most wonderful Mother's Day! I'm sure this was a big day in our members' seniors living communities, and it was wonderful to see some of the delicious treats and celebrations that you offered up to add to the celebration. All our members offer homes to many mothers, and this is critical to their wellbeing. Let's kick off this week celebrating all of you who take such good care of those you serve!



PRIORITY DRIVEN PROGRESS

Advocacy & Public Relations

In the Legislature – Important Highlights from the Week of May 2, 2022

Highlights from the Alberta Legislature for May 2 – 5, 2022 can be viewed [here](#).

Provincial Coordination Discussion Meeting

This meeting took place on May 3 to discuss COVID-19-related issues. There are continued concerns about the number of active outbreaks (26) and cases (5%) from May 19 – 26. Updates were given on the status in 3 provinces: Ontario – Chief Medical Officer of Health Orders extended to Jun. 11 and can use site-based policies; British Columbia – masking and proof of vaccination required for visitors; Manitoba – masking still required, proof of vaccinations not required, and can use own visitation policies. Residents can have their booster vaccination 90 days post-COVID. Residents at some sites would like visitors to produce proof of vaccination, although residents can get infected in the community. Operators do have the option to implement higher protection measures based on resident choice, although this does put them in a difficult situation with some visitors and residents. None of the provinces are giving health care staff 4th doses currently. An update was given on the work with the transition plan, and scenario planning is underway and will be brought forward for input. The replacement of ventilation, air circulation, and old HVAC systems could potentially be accessed through the Federal Safe LTC Fund.

Bold Leadership & Sector Reformation

Insight Specialty Consulting Selected for ASCHA's Supporting Affordable Housing Transformation (SAHT) Project

The Supporting Affordable Housing Transformation (SAHT) project is aimed at increasing the capacity of Alberta's housing sector to better meet the needs of Albertans. ASCHA is pleased to announce that we have selected Insight Specialty Consulting to deliver the following elements of the project: assessing what support the sector needs during the implementation of the provincial affordable housing strategy, building tools to help providers navigate asset transfers, and strengthening data collection to inform community housing decision making. The Project Lead, Dr. Mandy Hansen, and three members of her team played roles in the design, development, and implementation of BC Housing's Non-Profit Asset Transfer program. SAHT is funded by the Community Housing Transformation Centre's Sector Transformation Fund and Community-Based Tenant Initiative Fund (CBTIF). Organizations providing community/affordable housing will receive regular email updates from ASCHA about this project. For more information contact Philip [here](#).



Community Housing
Transformation Centre
Centre de transformation
du logement communautaire

[Verve Senior Living Blog](#)

[Alberta OHS Newsletter
May 2022](#)

[NHS Research Insight -
Identifying the Foundations:
Cultural Perspectives and
Solutions for Indigenous
Housing in Calgary](#)

[Upcoming Events](#)

[CORE Alberta Events](#)

May 9 - 11

[APHAA Spring Conference
2022 and AGM](#)

May 12

[Innovation Summit for
Seniors Transportation](#)

May 12 – 14

[Caregivers Together 2022
Spring Conference](#)

May 18

[Age-Friendly Housing Series
Session 4: Innovative
Housing Models for Seniors](#)

May 18

[Age Friendly Edmonton
Lunch 'n' Learn: "Grey Hair
Blues: Reshaping Negative
Thoughts about Aging"](#)

**May 26, 31 and June 2, 14,
16, 23**

[Healthy Aging Alberta
Regional Gatherings](#)

June 6 - 12

[Seniors' Week](#)

June 15

[AAG Futures' Policy Forum:
Improving the Work
Environment for Seniors'
Services Workers](#)

June 21

[Leveraging Assets: Lessons
Learned from Civiда's](#)

Alberta Association on Gerontology (AAG) Webinar May 4, 2022

ASCHA proudly sponsored the Alberta Association on Gerontology's (AAG) Futures Policy Forum Webinar on *Transforming to Integrated Community-Based Services for Older Albertans*. Guest speakers were from the [United Kingdom, British Columbia, and Alberta](#). The focus of the webinar was on creating an integrated system with the individual at the centre, and how 'link workers' coordinate and connect service needs between health services, social services, CBSS [Community-Based Seniors' Services], mental health and addiction, and other "outside the box" services. The concept of "social prescribing" has transformed services from a bio-medical system to a holistic health approach for individuals. The social prescribing model is in a mature state in the UK, and in the initial stages in BC. This work is currently under development by Healthy Aging Alberta, with the goal of making Alberta the best place in the world to grow old. ASCHA team members who attended the webinar were inspired by this opportunity for system transformation. A coordinated system would connect health, housing, and the CBSS sector, allowing us to better meet the needs of older Albertans. We will share more information as it becomes available to ensure this movement gains momentum!

Membership Engagement

Quality Monitoring & Support in Continuing Care Current State and Gap Analysis Survey (Closes June 15, 2022)

Provincial Seniors Health and Continuing Care (AHS) is supporting a current state assessment and gap analysis of quality management supports within Continuing Care. ASCHA Members operating designated supportive living sites (DSL) are invited to complete this [survey](#) and potentially participate (at a later date) in focus groups or structured interviews to obtain additional information. The survey will remain open until Jun. 15.

TLC Updates



Asynchronous reports are now available in TLC. You no longer have to wait for your report to run, you will be able to continue working in TLC while your report is configuring in the background.

New Compliance report: Compliance Summary by Cohort will provide an at a glance compliance rate by department (cohort) or by site as a whole. This report is also available at a course level.

A five-part series of educational tutorials reviewing the [International Dysphagia Diet Standardisation Initiative \(IDDSI\)](#) for providing meals to individuals who have difficulty swallowing is now available in TLC Course Catalogue. To view the tutorials, please [click here](#). If you have any questions about TLC or would like to access the system, [contact us](#).

Webinar for Housing Providers

Leveraging Assets: Lessons Learned from Civiда's Affordable Housing Redevelopment – Jun. 21 at 10am

The Londonderry Housing Development in Edmonton is the first redevelopment of a community housing site in Alberta. Join Civiда's COO, [Mark Hoosein](#), for a discussion about their process through this project. The discussion will focus on the major elements of the process: Initiation, Planning, Execution and Closeout. Specific attention will be paid to lessons learned from the initiation stage centering around the importance of needs assessments, targeting the market and the advantages and challenges of debt instruments.

[Affordable Housing
Redevelopment](#)

Oct 4 - 6

[2022 RhPAP Rural
Community Conference](#)

Nov 2 – 4

[CAEH22: Canadian Alliance
to End Homelessness 2022
Conference](#)

[For more information and to register.](#) This webinar is funded by the Alberta Real Estate Foundation's Investment Grants through the Calgary Homeless Foundation and Horizon Housing, and ASCHA is delivering this webinar on behalf of them.

Other Communication

Healthy Aging Alberta 2022 Regional Gatherings

Join Community-Based Senior-Serving (CBSS) professionals and allied systems partners at Healthy Aging Alberta's in-person Regional Gatherings! The free gatherings are an excellent opportunity for organizations to showcase their work and learn from one another while coming together to strengthen our regional and provincial networks. These day-long events will offer facilitated capacity-building sessions, presentations from CBSS organizations on their innovations in programming and collaboration, and opportunities to network and build supportive and strategic relationships.

You can register for the in-person gatherings [HERE](#) or learn more on [CORE Alberta](#). If you have any questions about the Regional Gatherings, please contact the Healthy Aging Alberta team at healthyaging@calgaryunitedway.org.

For more information: [Invitation](#) and [Event Agenda](#)

[Employment Opportunities](#)

Submit vacant positions [here](#).