

## Synopsis of Provincial Network meetings June 25th

The Provincial Network met once last week.

**Note:** Going forward, we will be meeting on a once weekly basis unless events warrant otherwise.

We continue to look at the overarching issues of the sector and provide a coordinated approach to providing information, resources and collaboration between our networks and government.

### Our Key Priorities remain:

- Maintaining staff and morale:
  - Need essential worker status and to be treated like health and LTC staff, including access to childcare.
  - Critical to have access to Personal Protective Equipment (PPE);
- Funding to meet the needs due to the pandemic;
- Look several weeks out for potential trends and impacts on people, families and supports;
- Resources for people and families;
- Create and sustain clear channels of communication with MCCSS and the government's Emergency Operations Committee (EOC).

### Here is some key information and outcomes from these meetings:

With regular ministry participation on our calls, they continue to hear, ask questions and bring forth our concerns to the Minister, and he in turn, to cabinet.

### From Government/MCCSS:

- To help establish infection controls in our service delivery models, MCCSS will be using a framework called the Hierarchy of Controls. This approach will also drive much of the inquiries and recommendations related to QAM on-sites in the near-to-distant future. There was a specific slide and discussion related to this in the June 24<sup>th</sup> Webinar that MCCSS hosted.
- Below is a link to the webinar so that you can begin familiarizing yourselves with the terms and expectations called "Hierarchy of Controls". We will advise as more information becomes available.

[https://realxchange.communitylivingessex.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/GMT20200624-133341\\_MOH-Guidan\\_1920x1080.mp4](https://realxchange.communitylivingessex.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/GMT20200624-133341_MOH-Guidan_1920x1080.mp4)

- Regarding PPE, we are seeing a growing awareness of and participation in the inventory system/ordering. The feedback has been extremely helpful to continue improvements. We will continue to think of how to further enhance this, such as where shipments will need to be split between

multiple deliveries. Supply issues do remain a global challenge, however, in Ontario we continue to have shipments coming in and being distributed. There are still some issues to address

- There is still some data refinement, but using some health data we have learned:
  - Overall infection rate against non-DS population is about 0.4%
  - Congregate residents, the rate is just below 2%
  - Non-congregate rate is likely even lower

#### Emergency Orders:

- At this point it has been concluded that there is a need to focus on 5 key questions and try to get a balance of burden/benefit when transitioning out of the Emergency Orders. The thought is to offer multiple choices to ease the efforts that go into this. MCCSS is happy to connect back with the table on this.
- The Emergency Order has been extended to mid-July, and the hope of government is that this will be the last extension; however, orders can still be addressed after the declaration is lifted. MCCSS had heard and understands that the DS sector would like to have the orders in place to a minimum of mid-August. MCCSS will work with us to create a case on this. The technical challenge is the rolling 2-week clock. There may be a need to cope with this uncertainty, however help manage expectations and a sensible transition path. It is helpful that this is not just the DS sector, and that other sectors face the same challenges.
- Around visitors: The ministry has seen the letter that came through and understands the challenges for agencies. The views are noted and being heard.

#### Other Issues & Outcomes:

***Thanks to all who were able to participate in the recent questionnaire on our collective and individual experience with COVID-19. Your insights were helpful, and we were able to gather some common themes. The Provincial Network, in its review of your feedback, are using that information in the short, medium, and longer term thinking, including how it links with the good work that has been done by the initial steering committee of the Moving ON strategy and the feedback from the sector last fall.***



Summary - Moving  
on and Inclusion.pdf



Provincial  
Network\_Call to Acti



Readiness of the  
Developmental Servi

Stay strong, Stay Healthy, Stay connected.

The Provincial Network.