
REPORT TITLE: Increase in Provincial Base Funding for Community Support Services

FROM: Cathy Granger, Acting Commissioner of Health Services

RECOMMENDATION

That the Region of Peel amend the 2020 Community Support Services operating budget to include an increase of \$112,883 in provincial base funding in Adult Day Services to deliver enhanced and expanded services for older adults living in the community with complex care, including cognitive impairment or dementia, be approved;

And further, that the required changes to the service delivery model to enhance Adult Day Services as outlined in the report, be approved.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- Adult Day Services (ADS) received \$112,883 permanent base funding to increase capacity to deliver community dementia programs for people with dementia and their care partners. Approximately two-thirds of Peel's ADS clients have cognitive impairment or a diagnosis of dementia.
- This recent funding announcement provides the opportunity to continue to build the integrated care team at Peel Manor to provide coordinated, integrated care for higher acuity ADS clients that are at increased risk for hospital admission or crisis long-term care (LTC) admission.
- There is no net budget impact resulting from the changes proposed in the report.

DISCUSSION

1. Background

The Seniors Services Development division operates a range of community support service (CSS) programs for seniors in the Region of Peel. These programs are designed to support individuals to live in their own homes longer, reduce the number of emergency room visits and hospital admissions, and provide caregiver respite and support. The division currently operates five Adult Day Services (ADS) co-located at each of the Region's five long-term care (LTC) centres: The Davis Centre, Malton Village, Peel Manor, Tall Pines and Sheridan Villa.

In June 2017, the previous Ontario government announced that it was committing \$100 million over three years to an Ontario Dementia Strategy. These funds are being flowed through the Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) under their Community Dementia Programs. The Region submitted an application for funding in October 2019. In January 2020, the Region of Peel was notified that its application to the Central West LHIN was successful in acquiring \$112,883 permanent base funding in CSS to increase capacity to

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deliver community dementia programs for people with dementia and their care partners. Approximately two-thirds of Peel's ADS clients have cognitive impairment or a diagnosis of dementia.

a) Benefits

The additional provincial funding will enable ADS to deliver enhanced and expanded services for older adults living in the community with complex care, including cognitive impairment or dementia.

With the provision of enhanced and expanded ADS, the following outcomes can be supported:

- Prevention and/or delayed admission to LTC and hospitals;
- Reduction in unnecessary Emergency Department (ED) visits;
- Provision of care and support for older adults living in the community with higher and more complex care needs;
- Provision of support to informal caregivers in managing higher care needs at home;
- Reduced utilization of hospital EDs and acute care beds;
- Promotion of self-care for clients and informal caregivers;
- Monitoring of clients for early identification and prevention of changes in health;
- Support in managing clients' health;
- Increase of services in one location to support one stop access to health services, knowledge, care and support; and
- An integrated interdisciplinary service delivery model.

To implement the necessary changes to achieve the benefits listed above, the new funding will be used for the addition of a permanent Nurse Practitioner to provide coordinated, integrated care for high acuity ADS clients at Peel Manor, and the surrounding community. In addition, to provide the stable ongoing support required for the complexity of client care, the conversion of casual staff to two permanent employment status is recommended.

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

Over the past year, there have been several program and funding changes from the Province. Based on what is currently known, it is expected that the new funding will be ongoing.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The additional Provincial funding of \$112,883 will provide base funding to support the addition of one permanent staff with no net impact to the Council approved 2020 Operating Budget.

The conversion of casual staff to two permanent resources will have no net budget impact as it will be funded from within the Council approved 2020 Operating Budget.

CONCLUSION

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The additional funding from the Province creates the opportunity for ADS to deliver enhanced and expanded services for older adults living in the community with complex care, including cognitive impairment or dementia.

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