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### **LONG TERM CARE ADMISSIONS – JULY TO DECEMBER 2004**

**The Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendation contained in the following report, February 28, 2005, from the Commissioner of Health Services:**

#### **1. RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that:

1. Committee and Council receive and approve the following report regarding resident admissions to the Regional Long Term Care (LTC) Facility Program for the period July to December 2004.

#### **2. PURPOSE**

This report is provided to Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee and Regional Council, as the governing body of the Regional LTC Facility Program, in accordance with applicable legislation in order to give details on the applications and admissions for the period of July to December 2004.

#### **3. BACKGROUND**

One hundred and forty-nine applicants to the Regional LTC Facility Program have been assessed and properly documented by the LTC Admissions and Discharge Committee. They have been found to be eligible for admission under the terms of the *Long-Term Care Act* and meet the admission policies of the Region. Of the 149 approved applicants, 23 were approved for Cognitive Care, 112 were approved for Heavy Complex Care and 14 were approved for Psychogeriatric Care.

#### **4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS**

This report includes all applicants assessed and approved by the LTC Admissions and Discharge Committee in the reporting period.

##### **4.1 Wait List Administration and Triage**

Once applicants are approved by the LTC Admissions and Discharge Committee, they are placed on a waiting list that is administered by the Community Care Access Centre (CCAC). Applicants on the waiting list are categorized and prioritized according to risk level, type of care, level of care and accommodation requested (private/standard) and are admitted according to that criteria. Those individuals who are at greatest risk and/or

inappropriately placed in an acute care setting are given the highest priority for placement.

#### **4.2 Reporting Period Admissions**

Fifty-six applicants from our approved waiting list were admitted in the reporting period July to December 2004.

#### **4.3 Primary Diagnosis of New Admissions**

Admissions to LTC facilities are categorized by 16 primary diagnostic codes. It should be noted that more than one primary diagnosis can exist for each resident. The primary diagnoses of the 56 admissions in the reporting period were as follows:

**Table 1**  
Primary Diagnoses of New Admissions to LTC Facilities for Reporting Period  
July to December 2004

| <b>Primary Diagnosis</b>                         | <b>Incidence*</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Mental Disorders                                 | 28                |
| Circulatory Diseases                             | 26                |
| Neurological Motor Dysfunctioning                | 15                |
| Musculoskeletal Disabilities                     | 13                |
| Neoplasms                                        | 7                 |
| Endocrine and Metabolic Disorders                | 6                 |
| Genitourinary Disorders                          | 5                 |
| Pulmonary Diseases                               | 3                 |
| Sensory Disorders                                | 3                 |
| Infectious Diseases                              | 1                 |
| Aids and Aids Related                            | 0                 |
| Blood Diseases and Blood Forming Organ Disorders | 0                 |
| Congenital Anomalies                             | 0                 |
| Digestive Disorders                              | 0                 |
| Skin Diseases                                    | 0                 |
| Other                                            | 0                 |

\*More than one primary diagnosis can exist for each resident.

#### **4.4 Wait List Summary**

There were a total of 149 applicants assessed and approved in the reporting period and 56 applicants from the approved wait lists were admitted. There are a total of 155 individuals/applicants on the LTC Facility waiting lists as at the end of the reporting period. This is a decrease from 243 at the end of 2003.

### **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

**6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT**

There is no local municipal impact associated with this report.

**7. CONCLUSION**

This report provides detailed and complete information regarding the approval of applications and admissions to the Region's LTC Facilities for the reporting period July to December 2004.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.