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LONG TERM CARE ADMISSIONS – JANUARY TO JUNE 2007

The Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendation contained in the following report, October 11, 2007, from the Commissioner of Community and Health Services:

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

1. Regional Council receive and approve the following report regarding resident admissions to the Region Long Term Care (LTC) Facility Programs for the period January to June 2007.

2. PURPOSE

This report is provided to 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 January to June 2007.

3. BACKGROUND

Two-hundred and twenty-one applicants to the Regional LTC Facility Programs have been assessed and properly documented by the LTC Admissions and Discharge Committees for the period January to June 2007. They have been found to be eligible for admission in accordance with the *Long-Term Care Act* and meet the admission policies of the Region. Thirty-five were approved for Cognitive Care, 117 were approved for Heavy Complex Care, 9 were approved for Psychogeriatric Care, and 60 were approved for Convalescent Care.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

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

4.1 Wait List Administration and Triage

Once applicants are approved by the LTC Admissions and Discharge Committees, they are placed on a waiting list that is administered by the Community Care Access Centre. Applicants 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

Forty-Two applicants were admitted to the LTC Facilities in the reporting period January to June 2007.

In addition, 60 clients were admitted to and 27 were discharged from the Convalescent Care Program at the Newmarket Health Centre for the same reporting period. Over 7,343 acute hospital days have been avoided as a result of client placements in the Convalescent Care Program and 86% of clients have successfully reached their targeted goals for rehabilitation and discharge since inception (November, 2005).

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 42 permanent LTC admissions in the reporting period were as follows:

Table 1
Primary Diagnoses of New Admissions to LTC Facilities for Reporting Period
January to June 2007

Primary Diagnosis	Incidence
Mental Disorders	20
Circulatory Diseases	15
Neurological Motor Dysfunctioning	4
Musculoskeletal Disabilities	1
Neoplasms	0
Endocrine and Metabolic Disorders	0
Genitourinary Disorders	2
Pulmonary Diseases	0
Sensory Disorders	0
Infectious Diseases	0
Aids and Aids Related	0
Blood Diseases and Blood Forming Organ Disorders	0
Congenital Anomalies	0
Digestive Disorders	0
Skin Diseases	0
Other	0

4.4 Wait List Summary

From January to June 2007, 161 Long Term Care and 60 Convalescent Care applicants were assessed and approved for placement on the waiting list. Forty-two Long Term

Care and 60 Convalescent Care applicants were admitted from the waiting list. As of June 30, there were a total of 250 individuals/applicants on the LTC Facility waiting lists for the Regional LTC centres.

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 January to June 2007.

For more information on this report, please contact Shawn Turner, General Manager, Long Term Care and Seniors Branch of the Community and Health Services Department.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.