
DATE: March 18, 2010

REPORT TITLE: **SPECIAL BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT UNIT AT SHERIDAN VILLA LONG TERM CARE CENTRE**

FROM: Janette Smith, Commissioner of Health Services

RECOMMENDATION

That a Special Behaviour Support Unit at Sheridan Villa Long Term Care Centre be established;

And further, that the approved 2010 staffing complement for Long Term Care be increased by 7.6 Full-Time Equivalents (FTE);

And further, that the 2010 operating budget for Long Term Care be increased by \$425,807 fully funded by the Mississauga-Halton Local Health Integration Network;

And further, that the required documents be executed by the Region's duly authorized signing officers.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- Health Services, Long Term Care Division is developing a 19-bed Special Behaviour Support Unit at Sheridan Villa Long Term Care Centre for eligible dementia clients with unpredictable and aggressive behaviours.
- The Mississauga-Halton Local Health Integration Network has provided funding of \$20,000 for preliminary planning to April 2010.
- Full funding for the unit's operation will be provided July 1, 2010.

DISCUSSION

1. Background

In January 2010 Council was advised of a new program for long-term care clients who suffer with challenging behaviours that result from cognitive impairment. The program includes a 19 bed unit at Sheridan Villa Long Term Care Centre designed as a transitional unit for clients who have a primary diagnosis of dementia and unpredictable episodes of aggression. The goal of the program is to work with clients and their families to develop a care plan that will eventually enable the resident to return to a traditional long term care home environment. Working with community partners in the Mississauga-Halton LHIN, including Trillium and Credit Valley hospitals, the Community Care Access Centre, Halton

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geriatric mental health services, Alzheimers Society and other LTC homes, the program will fill a gap in the continuum of care for seniors with behavioural problems.

Staff has been advised that the Mississauga-Halton Local Health Integration Network Board has endorsed the proposal for a 19-bed unit at Sheridan Villa Long Term Care Centre to be dedicated for this purpose.

2. Implementation

The Mississauga-Halton LHIN provided funding of \$20,000 for preliminary planning prior to April 2010 and will flow additional funding for startup costs including staff education and development of processes for managing the care of these residents with special needs.

Full funding for the operation of the unit will be provided approximately July 1, 2010. This coincides with the completion of the construction and opening of the final phase of Sheridan Villa's redevelopment. The unit will provide supports that are unique in the long-term care setting to assist residents in coping with their limitations, with a goal to eventual placement when stabilized in a more traditional setting.

In order to offer this higher level of service and based on research of similar units in other regions / cities, the unit will require supplementary staffing above the typical long-term care unit, including a Unit Manager, direct nursing and personal caregivers, and therapeutic program workers. Partnerships with other health service providers will add professional experts to the team on a consulting basis. The total net increase in staffing is 7.6 FTE.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Peel Long Term Care's request for funding of the additional costs has been accepted by the Mississauga-Halton LHIN. The proposal specifies that the additional staffing and related program costs of \$851,614 (annualized) would be 100 per cent funded by the LHIN. Future year's budget impact will be brought forward as part of the annual budget process.

Staff is requesting an increase in the 2010 staffing complement of 7.6 FTE and an increase in the 2010 operating budget for Long Term Care of \$425,807, adjusted for half year, fully funded by the LHIN.

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CONCLUSION

The 19 bed Special Behaviour Support Unit at Sheridan Villa Long Term Care will serve long-term care clients who suffer with challenging behaviours that result from cognitive impairment.



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