

Effie Triantafilopolous MPP

Dear Effie,

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According to the Financial Accountability Office (FAO) Report of May 26, 2021, 30,000 new LTC beds over 10 years are not enough for the growing and aging population. The government promised 15,000 new LTC beds by 2023-2024. but the FAO estimates that only 8,251 new long term care (LTC) beds will be ready

The Ontario population of seniors 75+ will increase by 52% by 2029-2030 whereas the LTC beds will only increase by 38%.

More than 31,000 beds in the system are substandard ie. 3-4 beds per room. Yet, only 16,000 beds are up for redevelopment. Moreover, in order to fulfill the government's promise of 4 hours direct care per client per day by 2024-2025, it needs to hire 37,000 PSWs and 12,000 + nurses. FAO thinks 37,000 nurses and PSWs need to be hired by that date since the promised number does not include health care workers for the new additional beds.

We would like to suggest some principles to consider when implementing the LTC Commission Report.

1. The implementation needs a clear vision. This means an integrated model of elder care which consists of primary care, hospital care, community and homecare, residential care, and palliative care.
2. Delivery must be person centered.
3. The accountability of the governance structure must include all elder care's delivery partners.
4. The implementation plan needs specific time lines, as well as deadlines, to drive and measure progress
5. The government should split the 85 recommendations in three ways: immediate 1-2 years, medium 3-5 years, and an ongoing longer term.

6. A CEO external to the government and required to report on progress publicly annually should be hired committing to a 5 year term.
7. There should be robust data collection, analysis and evidence-based assessment of the implementation.

Sincerely,

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