

To: Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

From: Trish Reed, Accessibility and Communication Specialist

Meeting Date: February 3, 2016

Subject: Report AAC16-013

Community Care

Purpose

A report to introduce a presentation by Community Care Peterborough.

Recommendation

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report AAC16-013 dated February 3, 2016, of the Accessibility and Communication Specialist as follows:

That the presentation by the Community Care Peterborough Speaker Bureau Member be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

There are no budgetary or financial implications associated with the recommendation.

Background

Community Care Peterborough's mission is "to provide services that support independence and promote peace of mind for seniors, their families and for adults with physical challenges who live in the City and County of Peterborough."

Community Care Peterborough, a non profit agency, is funded 60% by the Ministry of Health through the Local Health Integration Network (LHIN), grants from the County and City of Peterborough, and funding from the United Way. Community Care has to raise \$240,000 annually to keep services, programs and staffing (40 staff) at status quo. Community Care also relies on donations, fundraising initiatives and nominal client fees to balance the budget.

Community Care Peterborough services include the following: Meals on Wheels, transportation, Caremobile, home help and home maintenance, foot clinics, blood pressure clinics, medical equipment loans, personal distress alarms, telephone reassurance checks, friendly visiting and diner's clubs. Newer programs offered include exercise and falls prevention, Home at Last and Home First. These last two services help after a hospital stay to bridge the transition from hospital to home and ensure that there are no barriers to discharge from hospital.

Community Care relies on volunteers and brokered workers to deliver services and programs therefore making them affordable or free in some cases. In the past 12 months, 901 volunteers and/or brokered workers provided 84,084 hours of service to 6140 clients.

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