

Legislation Text

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HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE

Anne Wolnik, Director of Home and Community Care provided a presentation on the Programs and Services to Support Seniors in the Community.

Ms. Wolnik discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- What is Home and Community Care Support Services;
- Where We Work: the community, homes, neighbourhoods, and hospitals;
- How We Help Patients and Families: assessments, services, support, and guidance;
- Programs, such as specialized nursing services, adult community independence, homeless support, and much more;
- Patients serviced last year;
- Impacts: referrals, PSW service hours, home care services, in-house nursing visits, nursing clinics;
- Ontario Health Teams (OHT) in North Simcoe Muskoka: 60+ providers across full spectrum of care;
- Challenges of servicing remote and rural communities;
- Service Demands and Patient Care Trends: demographic pressures - seniors;
- Referral Services: over 60 percent referred from hospitals;
- Home care patient population;
- Increasing complexity of patient care needs;
- Stresses on Caregivers: less access to long-term care beds, young adults with development support needs, and aging parents;
- Provincial long-term care placement and waitlist;
- Prioritizing service delivery in response to the pandemic and groundwork for OHT to deliver Home and Community Care; and
- COVID-19 - addressing unprecedented health care needs and working together.

The Committee asked questions of Ms. Wolnik and received responses.