



2018 Housing Forum

March 8, 2018

Holiday Inn International Airport
Toronto



AGENDA

- 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Registration and Breakfast (**Trillium Foyer**)
- 9:00 AM **Opening Remarks:** Cathy Cousins, Director, Homelessness and Community Engagement, Community Services, Regional Municipality of Niagara, OMSSA Board Member
- 9:10 AM **Opening Plenary:** Janet Hope, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Housing will provide information and updates on the Fair Housing Plan, National Housing Strategy Social Housing Modernization, Indigenous Housing Strategy, and Ending Homelessness
- 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM Break (**Trillium Foyer**)
- 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM Concurrent Sessions

1.1 Ontario's Municipalities: Proud Partners in Senior Care (Algonquin A/B)

Municipalities have long played an essential role in the provision of care and services for Ontario's seniors. Through strong partnerships and close connections with their communities, they have led the way in creating innovative and integrated models of care. This presentation will highlight some of these innovations, such as developing age-friendly communities, that build on their strengths as leaders to meet the current and future needs of local seniors. An overview of AdvantAge Ontario's work in the areas of seniors' housing and seniors' campuses of care will also be provided.

Speaker: *Lisa Levin, CEO, AdvantAge Ontario*

1.2 Reflections on CHPI (Algonquin C/D)

The Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) was launched in January 2013 with a vision to create "a better coordinated and integrated service delivery system that is people-centered, outcome-focused and reflects a Housing First approach to prevent, reduce and address homelessness in communities across Ontario."

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This vision also included a goal to encourage a transition over time from reactive responses to homelessness to services that focus on more proactive and permanent solutions.

In the first part of this breakout session (20 minutes), staff from the Housing Programs Branch at the Ministry of Housing will provide an overview of CHPI data collected from Service Managers up to 2017. What trends do the data reveal? Is the program achieving the results that we hoped? After several years of program implementation, and after a significant update to the funding model, it is probably a good time to step back and reflect on CHPI.

In the second part of this session (30 minutes), staff from the Housing Policy Branch at the Ministry of Housing will discuss the intention to conduct an evaluation of CHPI, and present a proposed evaluation process for consideration. This session will conclude with 10 minutes for discussion and audience questions.

Speakers:

- *Brent Whitty, Manager, Housing Programs Branch*
- *Jason Cooke, Account Manager, Housing Programs Branch*
- *Marci Pernica, Manager, Housing Policy Branch*
- *Emiko Ono, Senior Economic & Policy Advisor*

1.3 Social Housing Modernization: Modern Framework (Cabinet)

The Ministry of Housing has launched consultations on social housing modernization. Building on the information provided by the Ministry of Housing earlier in the day, this session will provide Service Managers who have not yet had an opportunity to provide input into the consultation process to review and focus on the Discussion Questions the Ministry has been seeking input on across Ontario.

Staff from the Ministry of Housing will provide a short update on the consultation process to date and then facilitate table discussions with attendees. Note that the content may be similar to what is being presented during the regional engagement sessions across Ontario that are currently taking place.

Speaker: Rhona Duncan, Manager, Housing and Homelessness Policy Unit, Ministry of Housing

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12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Lunch (Trillium B/C)

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM Concurrent Sessions

2.1 Capacity Building for Non-profits in a Modernized Framework (Algonquin A/B)

In the province's new modernized framework, capacity building is a cornerstone concept. Non-profits and LHCs will need to transition from where they are today to this new framework. Every organization will need to make a decision along the way. But what kinds of tools and supports are needed? Who delivers those supports? How will they be delivered? Come prepared to engage in a discussion about capacity building in the future.

Speakers:

- *Michelle Coombs, Manager, Education and Member Services, ONPHA*
- *Ty Smith, Coordinator, Education and Member Services, ONPHA*

2.2 The Financing of Affordable Housing: New opportunities in an Era of Investment (Algonquin C/D)

A renewed focus on the development of affordable housing by many municipalities and the recent commitments by federal and provincial governments, Martin Joyce, Partner, KPMG LLP will share emerging opportunities to leverage private capital investments in order to ensure long term sustainability of the affordable housing project.

Attendees should gain insights on how to ensure that an affordable housing project is bankable even in the most challenging of circumstances, including creating business cases that are capable of attracting the necessary levels of investment. Martin will outline sample scenarios on approaches to structuring the finances, allocation of funding and identifying key risks for the ongoing sustainability of the development.

Speaker: *Martin Joyce, Partner, National Human & Social Services Leader, KPMG*

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2.3 Innovation to Address Social Housing Capital Repairs and End of Operating Agreements (Cabinet)

The County of Simcoe will share details around their Social Housing Capital Repair loan process that resulted from a collaborative analysis on the impact of End of Operating Agreements/Mortgages. The analysis and solutions were developed in alignment with the Simcoe Community 10-Year Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategy, and will be a good fit as we look forward to housing modernization

The Region of Niagara will provide a brief presentation on their attempts to prepare housing providers for the transition out of the social housing program upon the expiry of their operating agreements

Speakers:

- *Arfona Zwiers, Director, Social Housing, County of Simcoe*
- *Shelly Upton, Niagara Regional Housing*

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM Wrap Up (Trillium B/C)

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