

National Perspectives and Alberta Dementia Strategy and Action Plan

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Overview

- International and National Perspectives
- Alberta Dementia Strategy and Action Plan 2015
- Dementia Link
- Opportunities for participation

International and National Perspectives

- G7 Countries/others have National Dementia Strategies with **exception of Canada**
- Discussion of National or Pan-Canadian Strategy
- Provincial Strategies:
 - Ontario (1999) Nova Scotia (2015)
 - BC Dementia Service Framework (2012)
 - AB Strategic Directions in Healthy Aging & Continuing Care (2002)
- **“Canadians want a national strategy on seniors care: report”** – CMA’s 2014 National Report Card 2014
https://www.cma.ca/En/Lists/Medias/2014_Report_Card-e.pdf

Existing Alberta Strategy Document

Strategic Directions in Healthy Aging and Continuing Care in Alberta 2002

ALZHEIMER DISEASE & OTHER DEMENTIAS

2002 Strategy Document Six Themes

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- Public awareness;
- Education and training;
- Support for informal caregivers;
- Service delivery across the continuum of care;
- Supportive environments;
- Ethical issues.

Edited Summary of Key Findings

2002 Strategic Directions in Healthy Aging and Continuing Care in Alberta

- Albertans should have an increased **awareness and understanding** of Alzheimer disease and other dementias.
- **Guidelines should be in place** for the care of clients with Alzheimer's disease and dementia. It should also **cover any gaps** that currently exist across the continuum, such as special care units and unregulated service providers.
- **Informal caregivers** caring for Albertans with Alzheimer disease or other dementias should have access to education and support programs.
- **Community care service packages** should be developed, or expanded upon, in order that service areas are linked and accessible in the community.
- **Supportive Environments** - small residential and home settings; best practice design
- **Health professionals...and dementia care service providers** should have the appropriate **skills and knowledge** in the delivery of services

Alberta Dementia Strategy & Action Plan 2015

- Led by Alberta Health in collaboration with the Seniors Health Strategic Clinical Network
- Commenced work October 30, 2014
- Draft Strategy and Action Plan – Summer 2015
- Identification of “spin-off” initiatives
- Opportunistic Consultation already underway
- Final Report and Action Plan – end 2015

Two Possible “Spin Off” Initiatives

- Recognition, diagnosis and management of Dementia in Primary Health Care with support from specialized services
- Dementia, Delirium and Frailty in Acute care and Crisis management in the community to avoid unnecessary hospital admissions

Alberta Dementia Strategy and Action Plan

Steering Committee

Advisory Committee

Working Groups:

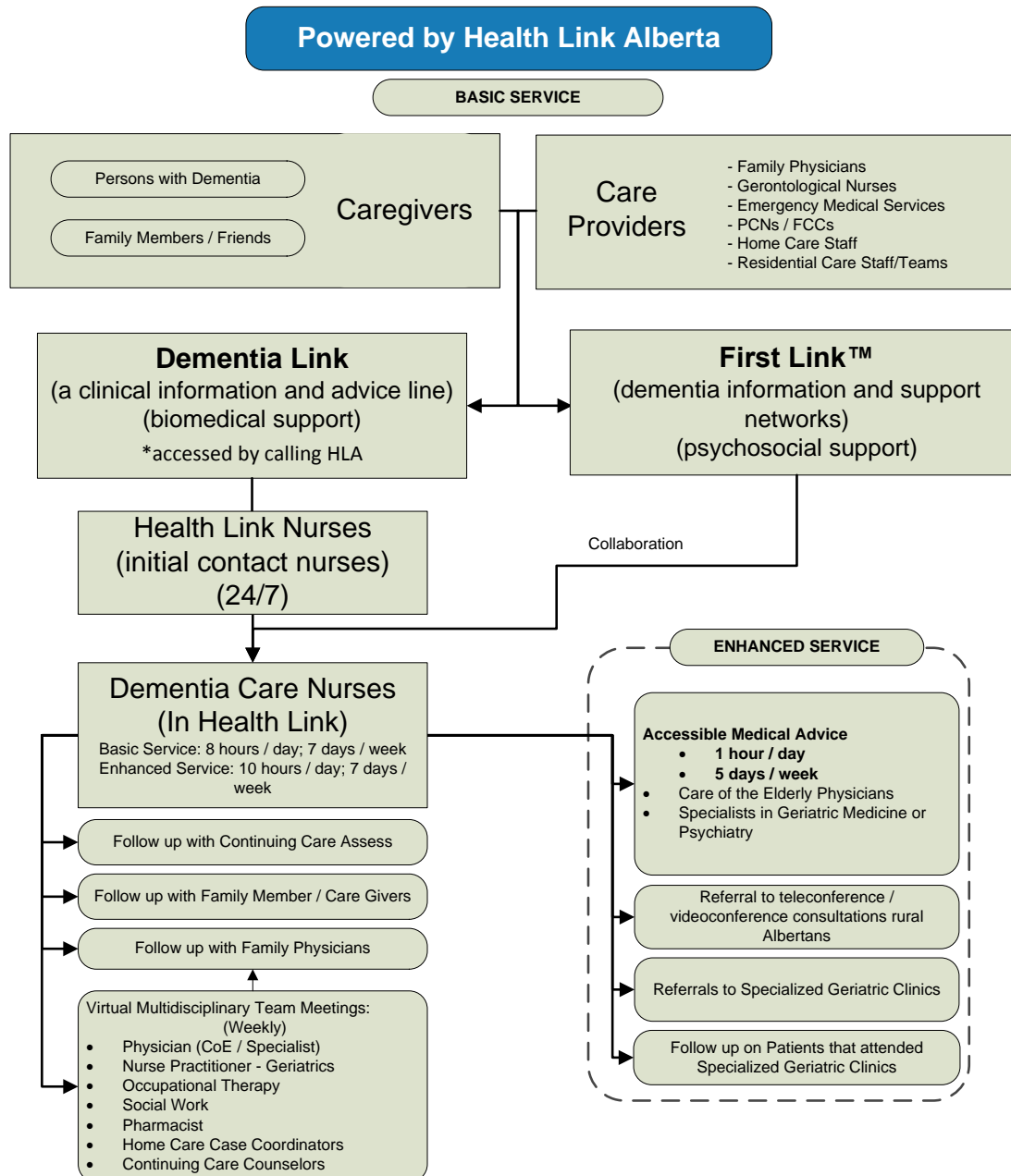
- Public Awareness,
- Care-partner Support,
- Research & Innovation,
- Dementia Journey,
- Primary Health Care, and
- Acute Care and Crisis Management

Dementia Link

- A transformational project aligned with the SH SCN work in the area of Aging Brain Care (more this afternoon)
- A **24/7 telephone dementia helpline**
- established in collaboration with Health Link Alberta
- for those caring for persons with dementia in the community
- provide navigation advice, evidence-informed guidance on managing issues arising in the course of dementia.
- A pilot of the service is expected to be underway by July 2015

Dementia Link

for Caregivers and Care Providers of Persons with Dementia Living in the Community



Summary

- International and National Perspectives
- Alberta Dementia Strategy and Action Plan
- Dementia Link

Opportunity for Participation:
SH SCN Community of Practice

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