

Quality Improvement Plan (QIP)

Narrative for Health Care Organizations in Ontario

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OVERVIEW

Previously known as Mapleview LTC and Georgian Heights, Southbridge Owen Sound is a new 160-bed home located in Owen Sound, Ontario, owned by Southbridge Care Homes and managed by Extendicare Assist. The home has transitioned from two small homes of 29 beds and 40 beds to 160-bed home housing 96 privates and 32 basic suites. Southbridge Care Mission: To provide quality care and services through innovation and excellence.

Southbridge Care Vision: Bridging lives together with meaning and purpose.

Southbridge Care Values: We utilize the anagram LIVE. Live life to the fullest. Implement change through innovation. Value the freedom of choice. Exceed expectations.

Our team works continuously to provide a safe, effective, efficient resident centered, quality care for the residents we serve. We have many areas that we are working to improve; we are committed to working in collaboration with our residents, their families, our employees, and stake holders to ensure our residents LIVE life with purpose and meaning.

Our strategic plan ensures services to our residents will have increased person-centered programming and recreational activity to support the specific needs of our residents. Residents will have increased involvement in decision making, as we now have resident members of all our committees, we have an active resident council, and we are ensuring that all employees, and stakeholders understand that Southbridge Cornwall is the home of the residents, and we have the pleasure of providing services in their home. We

recognize operational excellence, risk reduction, and a customer centered safe culture imbedded in our strategic themes, to achieve results.

REFLECTIONS SINCE YOUR LAST QIP SUBMISSION

In 2022 we had many QI achievements and successes to celebrate. These successes can be attributed to the hard work and dedication of our multidisciplinary team, the collaboration with our residents, families, and stakeholders as we all share the common goal of improving the care, service, experience and life for all that live, visit and work at Mapleview, Georgian Heights and of course now Southbridge Owen Sound.

-Successful recruitment and onboarding of new leadership positions include two Associate Director of Care's (titled Director of Quality and Risk and Director of Clinical Services), a full time IPAC lead, a new Director of Care, a full time Human Resources Coordinator, a full time Social Worker / Admissions Coordinator and two full time Receptionist / Schedulers.

-Successful onboarding of over 10 Internationally Educated Nurses

-Significant reduction in the use of antipsychotic medications without a diagnosis of psychosis

-Maintained a 0% rate of residents who were physically restrained

-Maintained low rates of infections and UTI's throughout the year

-successful implementation of the "My Wishes" program in the home to ensure that our resident's end of life wishes are maintained and respected

-continue to maintain the use of zero restraints in the Home.

-Successful pre-occupancy Ministry Inspection to obtain a new license for Southbridge Owen Sound and moved all residents from Georgian Heights and Mapleview in on December 13th, 2022.

We will continue efforts to maintain these achievements and work together with our multidisciplinary team, residents, families, and other stakeholders to achieve quality improvement targets in 2023.

PATIENT/CLIENT/RESIDENT ENGAGEMENT AND

PARTNERING

We know we are stronger when we work in partnership with those we care for, along with their families and our team members. Partnering with residents and families improves quality: it enhances safety, informs people-centered care reflecting each residents' individual needs, improves coordination of care, supports equity, leads to better health outcomes, informs effective and appropriate care decisions, and improves our own operational efficiency. With this in mind, we put considerable effort into regularly and actively engaging residents and families for their insights and feedback, provide channels for open dialogue, and share ongoing progress through regular updates, collaborative face-to-face meetings, townhall sessions and experience surveys. Our ongoing goal is to continue to build on our existing approaches to resident and family engagement and continue to evolve our approaches to resident and family Partnership.

Southbridge Owen Sound is working closely with our system partners to improve quality of care and safety for our residents.

- We are partners with physiotherapy whose goal is to provide individualized, one on one physiotherapy service. Their vision has always been to deliver physiotherapy services that are individualized, client focused, and evidenced based.
- Southbridge Owen Sound uses integrated service through the HCCSS and Health Ontario West to work with occupational therapy for the ambulatory and locomotion needs of residents and assessments/services completed to ensure resident safety and comfort while ambulating
- We work closely with the HCCSS and Health Ontario West both in the community and in hospital. This allows for residents to move back and forth with as little as disruption in care as possible.
- Residents with specialized footcare needs are followed closely by

a qualified registered nurse

- Southbridge Owen Sound collaborates with BSO which will come to the home to provide assessments and guidance in the treatment of residents suffering mental health issues and in developing and implementing strategies for managing behaviours in the home both on an individual and strategic level.
- Southbridge Owen Sound provides dental care for residents within the home.
- Southbridge Owen Sound has student RN's, RPN's and PSW's coming into the home to complete the clinical portion of their education from Georgian College.
- We have been very restricted in the last 2 years of Covid pandemic in community involvement in the home. We have a long history of volunteerism and participation in the home which we have had to suspend but begin to open our community back up in a safe manner to our volunteers.
- Accreditation Canada is an independent process of assessing health care and social services organizations against standards of excellence to identify what is being done well and what needs to be improved.

PROVIDER EXPERIENCE

We are now into our next survey cycle, following Accreditation Canada's new Qmentum Long-Term Care Program which involves survey activities on an annual basis rather than once every four years. For 2023, all homes will complete self-assessments and develop updates to their quality improvement action plans. Homes, supported by our central quality team, will implement their quality improvement action plans through the balance of 2023 and into 2024.

Pressure in the health system affects the people working in health

care which creates an increase stress in the mental health and well-being of the worker. Measuring the experience of healthcare providers can help uncover important health system improvement opportunities. As the acute impacts of the pandemic continue to wane, our teams across Southbridge continue to demonstrate their resiliency and ability to adapt frontline care delivery, with compassion, and dedication on a daily basis. In response to the additional challenging demands as a result of the pandemic on our team members and their families, we expanded our employee services to meet their needs.

During the pandemic, we offered flexible monetary compensation off for any team member who was required to quarantine or self-isolate following COVID exposure. Home-level educational and counselling sessions have been offered to further support our team members in managing mental health through the pandemic. Our Employee and Family Assistance program is available to support our team members. This program provides team members with confidential and flexible supports, whether related to emotional well-being, managing relationships and family situations, dealing with workplace challenges, financial guidance, or other personal needs.

Ensuring our team members are well-equipped with the tools they need is a key pillar of our Improving Care plan. This includes training and development to build the leadership and technical skills needed to best serve residents. Recent topics highlighted include crucial conversations, compassion fatigue, cultural safety training, Five dysfunctions of a team, servant leadership, and strength based training. In addition to receiving training on specific leadership expectations and learning about key corporate initiatives, participants are able to connect with colleagues and build skills and knowledge as change leaders

WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Protecting the physical and mental health and safety of our team members remains a priority and is carefully considered by our Health and Safety team, who provides direct supports to team members. In 2023, workplace violence prevention policy and incident management education will undergo program enhancements for launch in 2024. It is the policy of the organization that each individual has the right to work in a professional atmosphere, in a harassment, discrimination and violence-free workplace.

Southbridge Owen Sound promotes the awareness of and proactive approach to dealing with violence and harassment in the workplace, and therefore will take reasonable steps to identify potential sources of violence and harassment, and to eliminate or minimize these risks through the Workplace Violence Prevention Program and application of associated policies.

Southbridge Care homes' safety talks also include the prevention of violence and harassment in the workplace and is a standing agenda item during our monthly meetings. Workplace Violence and Harassment Assessment is completed on an annual basis which determines the probability of injury and frequency of exposure to risk and used to create an action plan that will mitigate any risk identified.

PATIENT SAFETY

Over the past year at Southbridge Care Homes, we have introduced a number of strengthened quality and safety initiatives including comprehensive safety culture education for all team members. Our Medication Safety Technology (MST) Project is focused on improving medication safety through several streams of work, including by directly targeting one of our core quality indicators,

antipsychotic deprescribing. Each home completed Medication Safety Self-Assessment to identify risk levels.

Southbridge Care Homes has increased Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) capacity across all homes. IPAC Leads are designated in every home, providing daily oversight over proper IPAC practices throughout the home. IPAC Leads are supported by a central team of specialist IPAC consultants, who provide education, coaching and best practice implementation support. In addition, our regional IPAC specialists have advanced designations and certificates in various targeted aspects of IPAC practice, including facilities and redevelopment expertise, enabling them to support our communities in embedding prevention measures in various projects. Comprehensive IPAC reviews of each home are done annually, with frequent audits, to ensure the sector-wide learnings from the pandemic remain entrenched in all home operations. Our Pandemic Plan reflects the evolution of infection prevention in long-term care resulting from COVID-19's onset and is part of a more fulsome Emergency Preparedness program.

All key pandemic workstreams, such as staffing levels and PPE oversight, continue to be monitored which remains in effect to manage all outbreaks. Our vaccination programs – for COVID boosters and influenza – are ongoing and enabled by data analysis and weekly reporting to senior leaders. Daily case and outbreak reporting for all infections – COVID and non-COVID, across all homes – enables immediate central response to support homes. To strengthen our emergency preparedness program, we have provided enhanced planning and preparedness training for homes, to ensure our teams are best equipped for swift and comprehensive responses to any and all emergencies if and when they do occur. Interactive preparedness training, frequent drills, scenario-playing, and introduction of tools that are easy to use in an emergency, are

all part of our efforts in ensuring the safety of all of our residents and team members.

HEALTH EQUITY

Southbridge Care Homes uses a health equity and diversity equity and inclusion lens when developing programs and services. Our programming honours the cultures and identities of our residents. Our homes with Francophone residents, offer group programs in French and English,. First Nations programming is provided in Southbridge Care homes where any First Nations people reside. Through such programs, First Nations residents and other participants join in group art and music activities, and smudging and spiritual ceremonies, facilitated by First Nations community members.

Pride celebrations are enjoyed throughout Southbridge Care homes, during Pride month and beyond. Group activities such as 2SLGBTQ (same acronym used by Ontario health) movie night and Rainbow Day are featured in our programming, alongside education and celebrating the lives of our 2SLGBTQ residents.

Many homes host an annual Carousel of the Nations, featuring booths and information hosted by residents, their loved ones, and our team members, where everyone in the home can sample food and learn more about one another's cultures. Several homes host large celebratory events! During Black History month, homes have hosted everything from cultural fashion shows to artifact displays, to acknowledgement presentations for residents of colour who have served their communities. Diet offerings are tailored as much as possible to the requests of residents. Food choices that help a resident feel truly at home are an important part of honouring resident culture and dignity.

A proud part of our cultural diversity is related to our spiritual

supports offered. We invite all denominations to our homes and ensure each resident has their specific needs met. Newly developed homes include a reflections space and a prayer mat for resident use.

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SIGN-OFF

It is recommended that the following individuals review and sign-off on your organization's Quality Improvement Plan (where applicable):

I have reviewed and approved our organization's Quality Improvement Plan on **March 22, 2023**

Ryan Bell, Board Chair / Licensee or delegate

Patricia Nolan, Administrator /Executive Director

Leanne Haynes, Quality Committee Chair or delegate

Nicole Bertrand, Other leadership as appropriate
