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Care, Cure and the Dementia Experience - A Global Challenge

On April 16th 2015 Dr. Dupuis presented a poster at the 30th International Conference Alzheimer 's Disease International in Perth, Australia.

On Aligning Dementia Care Practices with Relational Theory: Examples from the Partnerships in Dementia Care (PiDC) Alliance

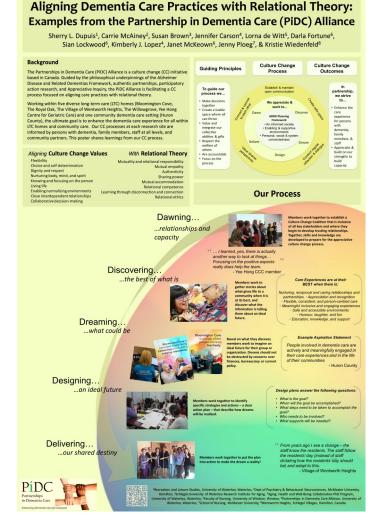
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The poster shared learnings from our 4 year iterative culture change (CC) process, during which CC coalitions formed in 6 diverse long-term care (LTC) and community settings and actively integrated the voices of individuals with dementia, residents in LTC, family care partners, volunteers, and staff at all levels in decision-making.

In the poster, we shared examples of how our CC coalitions worked collaboratively to: (a) discover their positive core, (b) dream new possibilities, (c) design a plan for achieving desired aspirations, and (d) implement changes to transform their care and community settings.

Key enabling factors necessary for CC emerged from our work: adopting creative ways to engage persons with dementia, nurturing CC champions, building caring relationships, being supported by transformative leaders, celebrating accomplishments, and being flexible and responsive to the uniqueness of different settings.

By including relationship-centred concepts and practices (e.g., power sharing, responsibility, authenticity, accommodating one another) into the CC process, participants learned new ways of acting in a more appreciative and compassionate manner.



Culture Change Coalition Updates



The Huron County Partners for Dementia Support created a new logo and a directory of services to help increase awareness of their coalition in the community. This month they will continue to work on their Design plan to create concrete actions around their three themes: relationships, education and awareness, and social engagement.

Huron County Partners for **Dementia Support**

Bloomington Cove Community Care



In January 2015, in celebration of Alzheimer Awareness month, Bloomington Cove Community Care and the Alzheimer Society of York Region hosted two performances of *Cracked: New light on dementia* for

the Stouffville community.

Also, the leadership, staff and family care partners at Bloomington Cove are leading the development of their design plan for making their four aspiration statements a reality.

The Willowgrove Dream Weavers

The Dream Weavers culture change coalition has been busy deciding what methods to use to discover the 'best of what is' in The Willowgrove community. The group have decided to use the CARE profiles and identify WOW moments to capture what residents, family members, staff, and community members think is working well. The recreation staff will also be using art-based activities with the residents to find out what makes residents happy and what they enjoy about living at The Willowgrove.

The Royal Oak Making a Difference Committee

The Making a Difference Committee have created a visual representation of their guiding principles that they shared with residents, family members, and staff. The group is also looking at different methods that they might use to discover what is working well at The Royal Oak. One of the goals of their Discovery phase is to: "know how to foster relationships that result in a feeling of connection and belonging."

Yee Hong Centre for Geriatric Care

The Yee Hong Culture Change Coalition have completed Discovery and are now working through the Dream phase to 'dream what might be.' Their next goal will be to create aspirations statements that will help them visualize what positive change might look like and act as a guide for the future.

Reaching for New Heights



A host of research partners joined Dr. Jennifer Carson at The Village of Winston Park to celebrate six years of research into the changing culture of aging.

The Reaching for New Heights (Village of Wentworth Heights) team would like to Congratulate Dr. Jennifer Carson on her successful defense of her doctoral dissertation.

The Reaching for New Heights team also received great feedback from their recent culture change survey. When asked "what does culture change mean to you", staff members replied "knowing our residents, assisting them with decisions to enrich their lives, offering choices, and being respectful." The group also asked their Village to design a new aspiration T. Shirt. They received great suggestions and will be unveiling the winning T. Shirt design soon!

The next goal is for the Village is to decide which aspiration statements to focus on next.

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