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Expanding Long-Term Care in the Community

Can it be done?

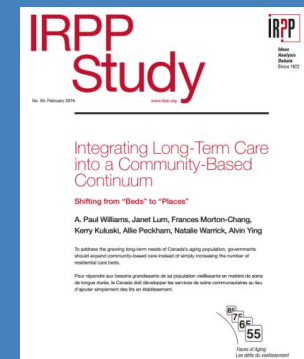
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Excerpt from Paper

“...although emphasizing the importance of community-based care, we do not wish to diminish the crucial role of residential beds; as we have noted, no jurisdiction internationally, including gold standard Denmark, has eliminated beds.”



About BCCPA

- Represent entire spectrum of continuing care.
- Home Care, Assisted Living and Residential Care.
- Non-Profit & For-Profit
- Integrated membership results in more practical solutions.



Overview

- General acceptance that rapidly aging population requires expanded services.
- Higher acuity in residential care.
- Determining right balance between residential care, home support is complex.
- An “us” vs “them” mentality can lead to entrenchment of perspectives.
- Focus, priority and \$ continues to be on acute care.
 - \$1,800 for acute care bed
 - \$200 for residential care bed
 - <\$100 home support
- Care, food and lodging bundled together, not separated.
 - creates new dynamic

Home is Best? Or Better?

- A single family home can be better, but not always best.
- “Home” is where the senior lives
- Can we move beyond just defining “home” as single-family home or apartment?
- Why do we use the “F” word so much?
- What are impacts of social isolation?





Role of Informal Caregivers

“As more Manitobans have fewer children — or none at all — the extended network of family members able to care for aging relatives will decrease”



Analysis

- **Informal care givers. What is realistic in North American context?**
 - Fewer kids
 - Sandwich generation
 - Changing priorities
 - Proximity to family
- **Critical need to move seniors from ALC status into more appropriate community care setting.**
- **Care hubs offer opportunity to better integrate home support and residential care services.**





Pilot Project Problem

“Although demonstrating proof of concept, these remain mostly at the policy margins. It seems unlikely that these small-scale and usually resource-strapped initiatives can by themselves overcome deeply embedded divides to propel the broad-scale system changes that recent expert panels in Ontario believe are needed.”





Pilot Project Problem

“This is not to argue that we need heavy-handed, top-down bureaucratic solutions; rather, it is to argue that governments should establish the conditions under which promising ground-up initiatives, such as those depicted in our Ontario vignettes, can scale up and spread.”



Perspective of Interests

“Seen from the perspective of interests, beds are more than a care setting for older persons; they are also the source of good jobs, sustained departmental budgets and corporate profits, all of which could be negatively impacted by any rebalancing of resources toward the community.”



Policy, politics, process



- Are government policies & programs aligned to support families?
 - Tax structures in place?
- Do we have the necessary political leadership to advocate for change?
- Proper incentives – follow the money?
 - Vouchers a simplistic solution?



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