

Client and Care Partner Council Minutes

Date: March 26, 2026

Time: 10:00am – 11:30am

Location: McCormick Home Family Dining Room

Attendees:

Staff: Becky Clark, Director, Catherine Robson, Social Worker, Natalie Kozinska, Administrative Assistant, Abby Brown, Fanshawe College Office Administration-Health Services Student
 Caregivers: Doug M., Muriel A., Marny H., Carole A., Claire D

Agenda Item	Discussion Items and Decisions	Actions Required
<p style="text-align: center;">Disrupting Dementia Symposium</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite-only event scheduled for Tuesday May 12th at Goodwill Industries on Horton St. • Approximately 100 attendees have confirmed – curated guest list from multiple sectors • Organizations involved are McCormick Dementia Services, Western University, Alzheimer Society, and City of London • Purpose is to bring stakeholders together to discuss key challenges and identify solutions • Space is available for 1 or 2 more care partners to attend – client could attend ADP if care partner is interested • The day will include guest speakers and breakout sessions; lunch will be provided 	
<p style="text-align: center;">Advocacy Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPP Terence Kernaghan and MPP Peggy Sattler have visited the ADP – Marny, Claire, and Donna joined these meetings, shared that they found the MPPs to be empathetic and understanding. • They encourage care partners and staff to continue to write letters of advocacy • Next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Media story with a positive spin, including other day programs. Want to include care partners. ○ Increased intensity in advocating. Advocating component will likely come from the upcoming strategic plan. ○ Reaching out to other MPPs in the surrounding areas. 	
<p style="text-align: center;">McCormick Mobile Next Steps</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 2.0 of mobile is currently underway • The Alzheimer Society will fund the next phase, which will prioritize program evaluation over research • The addition of an additional 6-week follow-up is being considered • Overwhelming positive feedback on services, education, and visits • Looking to engage family health teams and specialists from the community to expand the Mobile opportunity • Opportunity to apply for a grant from TD for future versions. 	

2026/27 Budget and Impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget has been finished for the upcoming fiscal year • No funding increase leading to a reduced capacity on Saturday and Sunday by 8 spaces each day • Fee increases for bath, shower, bus, and day program taking effect April 1st • Reduced RAI CHA position from full-time to part-time 3 days a week • Looking into alternate sources of funding. Sponsors for enhanced education program? 	
Donations to McCormick - how to inform public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that some funeral homes do not have McCormick donation cards available. • Many families default to requesting donations to the Alzheimer Society when the deceased had a dementia diagnosis. • A request was made for literature to include thank-you donation cards; it was recommended to connect with the Foundation to obtain this (e.g., brochures outlining how donation funds are used). • A webinar was held on April 1st in collaboration with the Foundation to increase awareness, including who they are, what they do, and the populations they serve. 	
Round Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further discussion of sponsorship events. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Music event for fundraising during the summer? (Music on the Hill) • The need for a community liaison to promote McCormick was discussed during Strategic Planning • Reviewed Safety & Quality of Life KPIs, Progress on Strategic initiatives and Projects, and Strong Team Indicators. 	

Next meeting: Thursday, May 28th, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.