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Dear families and support network members:

Manitobans with an intellectual disability are growing older and are facing dementia but experience exclusion from supports and services available to the general population. Your input and direction is required on a draft provincial Framework for Quality Community Supports for People Living with an Intellectual Disability and Dementia. The Framework will guide efforts to address this growing need.

The existing Manitoba Framework for Alzheimer Disease and Other Dementias fails to fully recognize or address the unique needs of people with an intellectual disability and dementia. In response to common concerns expressed by community living agencies, a working group formed and developed the draft document to set a course for advocacy and service development.

In order to be a provincial strategy, we must gather perspectives and input from families and support network members. Your attendance at a focus group will raise awareness, help determine priority issues and actions and further a commitment to move forward.

The focus group in Winnipeg will be on June 27, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. until noon, at 120 Maryland Street. If you would like to contribute but daytime does not work for you please let us know as we are open to having a second group in an evening if there is sufficient interest.

Please call (204) 786-1414 or (204) 779-1679 by June 19, 2017 to register. We are also including a document summarizing the content of the Framework so you can come prepared to contribute.

Yours truly;

Continuity Care
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Quality Community Supports for
People with an Intellectual Disability
and Dementia



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Strategic Issues and Action Required

Raising Awareness and Understanding

Strategic Issues	Action Required
Lack of awareness of aging/health issues for people with I.D.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Promote knowledge about people with I.D. and I.D. and dementia, amongst health care professionals and the health care system in general. ➤ Provide public messaging by developing and disseminating informational materials. ➤ Partner with a variety of existing community based organizations to raise awareness and disseminate information ➤ Provide dementia information and training to staff within organizations who support individuals with I.D. and their families so they can in turn share that knowledge ➤ Foster a dialogue with the Office of the Public Trustee about care, support and end-of-life to assist them in their role as S.D.M.

Early Recognition & Initial Assessment & Diagnosis

Strategic Issue	Action Required
Early & Ongoing Screening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Implementation of the Comprehensive Health Assessment Program (CHAP) ➤ Raise awareness with families, community agencies & health care providers about the NTG-EDSD ➤ Develop & implement a position statement and guideline for early screening
Access to diagnostic tools specifically designed for use with people with I.D.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Partner with St. Amant Comprehensive Health Services to establish the use of diagnostic tools ➤ Provide evidence-based guidelines for assessment and treatment
Equal access to Medical Specialist Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Develop linkages to Seniors Mental Health teams across the province ➤ Improve rural support and access to specialists

Management, Care & Support

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Education & training of a skilled workforce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Implement the NTG training curriculum across the province. Train the trainor to develop regional experts ➤ Utilize the CHAP as an avenue for education health care professionals
Care Coordination/System Navigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Provide and maintain an up to date, comprehensive listing of available resources & services to be accessed by families, agencies and case managers ➤ Develop & disseminate decision making tools and dementia care pathway documents to assist in the development of Aging in Place or care
Family/Caregiver Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Redefine caregiver to include those supports provided by staff within agencies ➤ Create accessible information and training for families based on NTG guidelines
Equal Access to Programs & Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Collaborate with the Home Care System on how best to share services between the departments of Health and Families ➤ Review age restrictions for Geriatric Mental Health access ➤ Develop a team of experts in the area of I.D. and dementia to provide consultation. Tie into comprehensive health services initiative out of St. Amant

End-of-life

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Access to knowledge and resources for the provision of end-of-life care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Develop an end-of-life planning document to guide agencies and family members ➤ Promote the enhancement/provision of palliative care teams across the province ➤ Obtain funding for Palliative Manitoba to offer the Compassionate Care Course for Support Workers, around the province

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Research & Evaluation

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Consistent, ongoing epidemiological research	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Promote the initiation and submission of proposals, in this area, by interested parties➤ Develop and maintain connections to researchers and university faculties in order to facilitate interest in this research area
Capacity for and utilization of knowledge translation activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Incorporate information on the NTG-EDSD screening tool into knowledge translation activities offered by interested parties