

## Media Backgrounder

### Urgent Issues Action Fund: Health Region Priorities

December 6, 2013

Health Region	Funded Priority Areas	Health Region Contact
<b>Athabasca</b>  2013-14: \$8,750 Annualized: N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purchasing portable mechanical lift/individual slings</li> <li>• Upgrading electrical capacity to tubroom generator</li> </ul>	Jennifer Conley Black Lake Phone: (306) 439-2200
<b>Cypress</b>  2013-14: \$579,257 Annualized: \$285,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing staff with educational programming in gerontology</li> <li>• Renovating to improve the physical environment in various facilities</li> <li>• Implementing electronic charting to ensure care is efficient, reducing staff workload and increasing time to care for residents</li> <li>• Creating a recreation activities toolbox (kit) for residents, which can be delivered by various care providers</li> <li>• Increasing staff by 3.42 FTEs to improve recreation activities for residents, improve bathing and enhance expertise in geriatric care in Maple Creek, Leader, and Shaunavon</li> </ul>	Bryce Martin Swift Current Phone: (306) 778-5117 Cell: (306) 741-3584
<b>Five Hills</b>  2013-14: \$600,000 Annualized: \$300,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purchasing new tubs and track lifts</li> <li>• Purchasing equipment for priority facilities</li> <li>• Using Lean initiatives to help improve residents' personal routines and schedules</li> </ul>	Kyle Matthies Moose Jaw Phone: (306) 694-8721 Cell: (306) 631-8333
<b>Heartland</b>  2013-14: \$580,666 Annualized: \$256,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purchasing lifts, electric beds, pressure supports to help reduce pressure ulcers</li> <li>• Training staff in the Gentle Persuasion Approach, which helps staff better understand how to care for residents with dementia</li> <li>• Implementing standardized order sets, a decision support tool that establishes standards of care</li> <li>• Increasing staff by 3.5 FTEs to enhance direct care hours in Rosetown, Davidson, Dinsmore, Lucky Lake, Eston and Wilkie</li> </ul>	LeAnne Paproski Rosetown Phone: (306) 882-4111, ext. 233 Cell: (306) 831-6212
<b>Keewatin Yatthé</b>  2013-14: \$30,000 Annualized: N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improving outdoor space to make it more accessible to residents and improve quality of life</li> </ul>	Dale West Buffalo Narrows Phone: (306) 235-5839 Cell: (306) 235-7031
<b>Kelsey Trail</b>  2013-14: \$550,000 Annualized: \$250,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training staff in the Gentle Persuasion Approach, helping them understand how to care for residents with dementia</li> <li>• Purchasing priority equipment for lifting, moving and bathing residents; nurse call system to support timely response and equipment to prevent falls</li> <li>• Providing weekend recreation programming</li> <li>• Increase staffing by 4.55 FTEs to improve recreational programming in all facilities</li> </ul>	Peggy Ratcliffe Tisdale Phone: (306) 873-6613 Cell: (306) 873-8022

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<b>Mamawetan Churchill River</b>  2013-14: \$28,333 Annualized: \$110,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing programming to help residents with difficulty communicating</li> <li>• Developing food menus to meet residents' personal and cultural preferences</li> <li>• Hiring 2 additional staff to provide direct care to seniors in long-term care and the community</li> </ul>	Elaine Byblow La Ronge Phone: (306) 425-4812 Cell: (306) 716-5122
<b>Prairie North</b>  2013-14: \$570,000 Annualized: \$268,040	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training staff in the Gentle Persuasion Approach, which helps staff better understand how to care for residents with dementia</li> <li>• Improving facilities and purchasing equipment for dietary services, lifting and moving residents comfortably, preventing residents from wandering outside the facility and oxygen support to better meet residents' and staff's needs</li> <li>• Providing Internet access</li> <li>• Enhancing recreational activities</li> <li>• Increasing staff by 4.0 FTEs to support improved recreational programs regionally</li> </ul>	Linda Lewis North Battleford Phone: (306) 446-6625 Cell: (306) 441-4248
<b>Prince Albert Parkland</b>  2013-14: \$632,500 Annualized: \$320,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing staff with Eden training*</li> <li>• Training in basic communication with residents who speak languages such as Cree and Ukrainian</li> <li>• Purchasing track lifts</li> <li>• Integrating a communication system in Shellbrook</li> <li>• Establishing point-of-care technology/software: improved documentation and reporting done at the bedside rather than a central location</li> <li>• Providing programs for outings designed for residents' with behaviour challenges</li> <li>• Increasing staff by 5.29 FTEs to enhance direct care staff in Prince Albert</li> </ul>	Doug Dahl Prince Albert Phone: (306) 765-6409 Cell: (306) 961-6217
<b>Regina Qu'Appelle</b>  2013-14: \$2,194,500  Annualized: \$207,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishing Purposeful Hourly Rounding (PHR), the practice of regularly checking on residents' needs using the 4Ps – positioning, personal needs, pain and proximity of personal items such as the call light – with the promise to return in a prescribed amount of time.</li> <li>• Purchasing equipment to support PHR, staff training, improved nutrition, and enhanced dining experience</li> <li>• Training staff in the Gentle Persuasion Approach, which helps staff better understand how to care for residents with dementia</li> <li>• Improving nutrition/meal-dining experience i.e. flexible meal times and dining options</li> <li>• Hiring a Lean specialist (1 FTE) and funding to support front-line staff's ability to participate in Lean work, which will directly help free up staff time for resident care</li> </ul>	Lisa Thomson Ph: (306) 766-5332 Cell: (306) 539-4617

\*Eden care aims to promote spontaneity and variety, creating care homes that are lively and interesting places to live. Residents are encouraged to engage with plants, animals and children in order to encourage interaction.

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<b>Saskatoon</b> 2013-14: \$2,676,667 Annualized: \$1,000,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Purchasing ceiling tracks and total lifts</li> <li>Increasing staff by 19 FTEs to better meet the direct care needs of residents in Saskatoon, Strasbourg, and Wadena</li> </ul>	Linda Walker Saskatoon Ph: (306) 655-3476 Cell: (306) 220-6256
<b>Sun Country</b>  2013-14: \$812,157 Annualized: \$288,940	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training staff in the Gentle Persuasion Approach, which helps staff better understand how to care for residents with dementia</li> <li>Purchasing hot food carts, nurse call systems, mattress replacements, bath slings, and sleep surface air mattresses</li> <li>Expanding activities to weekends with 7.77 FTEs to support all facilities</li> </ul>	Joanne Helmer Weyburn Ph: (306) 842-8353 Cell: (306) 891-8057
<b>Sunrise</b>  2013-14: \$779,833 Annualized: \$479,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training staff in the Gentle Persuasion Approach, which helps staff better understand how to care for residents with dementia</li> <li>Purchasing food preparation equipment and ceiling lifts</li> <li>Establishing a rapid psycho-geriatric response team – a comprehensive assessment by a multidisciplinary team to develop a coordinated care plan that meets the individual needs of residents with behaviour challenges. This team requires the support of 1.5 FTEs.</li> </ul>	Sharon Tropin Yorkton Phone: (306) 786-0144 Cell: (306) 621-1962