

**CONTINUING THE DISCUSSION**

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	<b>PERSONAL SUPPORTS</b>	<b>ESTATE, FINANCIAL PLANNING PROPERTY MANAGEMENT</b>
<b>ENSURING CONTINUED ACCESS TO SERVICES AND PROGRAMS – CREATION OF A PORTFOLIO OF SERVICES</b>	Access to a portfolio of services, programs and planning tools offered by the mental health service provider community with a focus on offering caregivers the opportunity to choose from a range of possibilities related to providing for personal supports including links to housing solutions – now and when they are gone	Access to a portfolio of services and planning tools offered by a network of qualified subject matter experts related to estate and financial planning as well as a network of qualified real estate firms, property managers and home improvement service providers – now and when they are gone
<b>SHARED AND COLLECTIVE EXPERTISE</b>	<p>Supporting efforts among selected partners directed at identifying evidence based best practices in support of both persons living with a mental illness and/or substance use disorders with a focus on what is common and what is unique to their respective communities.</p> <p>It may include but not be limited to making the right choices, coaching, relationship building based on trust and respect for and among all concerned, ongoing conflict resolution and overcoming situational difficulties.</p>	Working with subject matter experts in organizing educational sessions, focus groups, workshops as well as providing for on-line resources for caregivers planning for now and when they are gone

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<b>CRISIS MANAGEMENT – ESTABLISH A NETWORK OF ‘FIRST RESPONSE’</b>	Access to crisis and intensive case management and if required, system navigation including monitoring, follow-up and reporting on steps taken to support the caregiver and the person living with mental illness and/or substance use disorder – now and when they are gone	Access to estate and financial planning services as well as real estate and property management services in the event of unforeseen – now and when they are gone: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Legal and financial concerns; and</li> <li>▪ Property management concerns from general repairs to change in housing situation such as the sale of property and relocation to supported living that need to be addressed to avoid undue hardship</li> </ul>
<b>PARTNERSHIPS, COLLABORATION AND INTEGRATION</b>	Supporting efforts focused on collaboration such as sharing information, lessons learned and seeking opportunities to provide mutual support.  Working with other organizations in a collaborative approach to supporting caregivers and those they care will result in tremendous benefits to individuals and families alike.	Supporting efforts focused on collaboration with estate, financial planning as well as real estate and property management communities in addressing the concerns of caregivers seeking support for a broad range of housing solutions and continued access to personal supports for those they care for – now and when they are gone – such as sharing information, lessons learned and seeking opportunities for improvement
<b>AWARENESS, UNDERSTANDING AND EMPOWERMENT</b>	Bringing together caregivers from the mental illness and/or substance use disorder caregiver community focused on ensuring all concerned understand and are aware of their needs and challenges associated with ensuring those they care for have continuing access to personal supports and safe and secure housing – now and when they are gone	