

CHAA Called to Care 2026 Preliminary Program



WEDNESDAY MAY 6

Edmonton Convention Centre

Breakfast in the Connection Hub

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Opening Keynote:

The Drift: Why Good People Lose Their Way, and How to Find It Again

Sara Kalke

Award-winning real estate professional, international speaker, and family caregiver.

Break in the Connection Hub

Best Practices In Continuing Care Capital Development	The ROI of Family Partnership: What happens when care teams and care partners share the same playbook	Allayed Hospitalities: Orienting Christian and Indigenous hospitalities in care
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Lunch in the Connection Hub

Regenerative Social Capital as a Strategic Goal	Addressing Racism: Preparing for the new Accreditation Canada standards	Funding Matters: CHAA's 15-year analysis of facility-based funding
Sustaining Compassion through Workforce Wellness and Mental Health	Compassionate Navigation: Advancing rights-informed care through supportive system guidance	Communications and Fundraising: Teaming up for Success

Break in the Connection Hub

Privilege, Addiction, and our Responsibility: A compassionate approach	Creating a Palliative Culture of Caring: A moral imperative for our time	Turning Housekeepers and Hairstylists into HCAs: The new CHAA model
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Opening Reception in the Connection Hub

Gala Dinner | Riverview Room, ECC
Live performance by the Heebee Jeebees

THURSDAY MAY 7

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Opening Keynote:

Is Compassion a Dying Art, or an Enduring Beacon in Contemporary Healthcare?

Dr. Shane Sinclair

Compassion Research Lab, University of Calgary

Optional - Meet & greet with keynote speaker	Designing Healthy Buildings	Elevating Resident Experience, Efficiency & Trust through Technology
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Break in the Connection Hub

C-suite Challenges in Continuing Care: Labour, capital, funding, and workforce risk	HCA Learner Aptitude and Egyptian Pyramids: What's the correlation?	Embedding Caregiver-Centered Care: From education to culture change in continuing care homes
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Lunch in the Connection Hub

World Café Lunch:
Labour Pains and Hush Money: Optimizing today's workforce with funding realities

Mission at the Centre: How boards and executive leaders build a unified, purpose-driven organization	Innovations in Pharmacy Partnerships	From <i>We need more funding</i> to <i>Here are the trade-offs</i> : A GR operating system for continuing care
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Break in the Connection Hub

Closing Keynote:

Matt Joy

Good Samaritan Society