

CHAA Called to Care 2026 Preliminary Program

WEDNESDAY MAY 6

Edmonton Convention Centre

Breakfast in the Connection Hub

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Opening Keynote:

How to be a Faithful Badass (and Lead with Courage and Compassion)

Sara Kalke

Coach, Entrepreneur, Speaker, Real Estate Agent, Mom

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

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

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

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

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 *We need more funding* to *Here are the trade-offs*: A GR operating system for continuing care

Break in the Connection Hub

Closing Keynote:

Matt Joy

Good Samaritan Society