



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **PRHA enhances long term care services in Swan River Valley**

**Swan River-** The Parkland Regional Health Authority (PRHA) has completed a comprehensive review of long term care services in the Swan River Valley. As a result, the quality of care improvement will see the transfer of 15 beds from Swan River Valley Personal Care Home (SVPCH) to the Swan Valley Lodge within the next few months. The initiative provides the PRHA with an opportunity to move residents from double rooms currently in use at Swan River Valley Personal Care Home, to vacant private single rooms within the Swan Valley Lodge. It also provides planning opportunities to upgrade the Swan River Valley Personal Care Home.

“These changes allow residents in both facilities to have private rooms, thus improving their quality of life while enhancing resident safety. Sharing rooms does not promote the resident’s right to privacy or comfort, which is expected in one’s ‘own home.’ We anticipate some inconvenience over the transfer period but we believe the end result will be positive for both residents and staff,” stated Allan Bradley, Chief Executive Officer of Parkland Regional Health Authority.

Through collaborative efforts, some refurbishments have already taken place at the Swan Valley Personal Care Home including the purchase of new resident beds following a significant contribution from the Swan Valley Health Facilities Foundation. A local family has also made a generous donation which will allow further enhancements to take place within the dining room. Revisions of the hair care room, painting and lighting improvements have also been completed. Additional renovation work to SVPCH needs to be reviewed in context with the Region’s ongoing capital planning process.

Bradley says PRHA managers have held meetings with personal care home residents, family/resident councils, staff, physicians and union officials to keep them apprised of the transfer plan.

Once the transfer is complete, the Swan Valley Lodge will see all 70 of its single units occupied. The Swan Valley Personal Care Home will go from 60 to 45 beds and will no longer feature double occupancy rooms.

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