

Media Advisory

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Service Changes Effective April 1, 2019 at Community Mental Health Programs and Quintin Warner House (Addictions Treatment)

London, ON – As of April 1, 2019 Mission Services of London will be making changes to its mental health and addictions programs. The Crash Bed Program will be winding down service and Quintin Warner House, the live-in addiction treatment facility for men, will be making changes to its program. The reason for the changes is lack of sufficient funding.

For many years, private donations have funded the gap between government funding and the costs of providing service. For the 2019/20 fiscal year, Mission Services has requested an increase in government funding to offset rising costs. The requested increase in funding is not available at this time.

“Our focus now is on ensuring a smooth transition for clients. We are committed to the well-being of individuals in our community regardless of which organization provides the service. We understand that an interim plan is being developed for alternatives in the community. For the Crash Bed Program, we will continue to work at connecting participants with appropriate services over the next two months; for Quintin Warner House, we will continue to provide the live-in addiction treatment to as many men as possible but with program adjustments,” explains Executive Director, Peter Rozeluk.

“We thank private community donors, the Mission Services of London Foundation, the South West LHIN and the City of London with whose help these programs have been made available at Mission Services over the past number of years. Mission Services of London is committed to remaining engaged in advocacy efforts, to providing services to those in need to the best of our ability, and to a system wide solution to community needs” continues Peter Rozeluk.

ABOUT MISSION SERVICES OF LONDON

Founded in 1951, **Mission Services of London** is a Christian faith based charity and social service organization serving London and area. With a staff of 150 and 200 volunteers annually, our mission is to actively respond to people experiencing need, affirm human dignity and inspire hope. We do this through programs and services at our five branches, including safe shelter, outreach, support and basic needs, for individuals, families and children.

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