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OLTCC was ahead of the game when it comes to meeting and briefing the new Minister of Long-Term Care. Minister Natalia Kusendova-Bashta had a 45-minute meeting with OLTCC board members on April 8th during OLTCC's MPP Lobby Day at Queen's Park. Minister Kusendova-Bashta is a nurse and has been focused on the area of dementia in her work as an MPP. She also participated in the committee hearings for the Compassionate Care Act and has demonstrated a keen interest in the palliative approach to care in Long Term Care. OLTCC looks forward to continuing the conversation and work with the new Minister to support excellent care in LTC.

The Ontario Government is making changes that will allow PSWs to register with the new Health and Supportive Care Providers Oversight Authority and that will regulate physician assistants (PAs) through the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. The timelines and more information can be found here:

<https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1004671/ontario-connecting-people-to-more-consistent-high-quality-health-care>

OLTCC continues to work at the advisory tables and in direct meetings with Government to support clinicians providing care in LTC.