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Administrative history:

The Review of Advocacy for Vulnerable Adults began its work in January, 1987, with Sean O’Sullivan as Chairman, Brian Bellmore as Counsel, and Ann Merritt as co-Counsel. Research was conducted by Robin Cox and Susan Milder. The task force was commissioned by the government in order to provide an independent and comprehensive review of the concept of advocacy, and to develop various options for the establishment of advocacy services. Vulnerable adult populations taken into consideration included the frail elderly, the developmentally disabled, and psychiatrically disabled. The review was described by the Attorney-General as “the first step on the road to a more effective and sensitive delivery of services to vulnerable adults in Ontario”. The Task Force was supported by three advisory groups representing consumers, providers of services, and affected Ministries. The findings were published in a report titled You’ve Got a Friend: A Review of Advocacy in Ontario, in August 1987.

Scope and content:

Fonds consists of working papers, research material and submissions compiled by the Task Force of the Review of Advocacy for Vulnerable Adults. Material was kept in the original order. The records are sorted alphabetically by assigned folder headings. The rest of the Task Force’s work, including correspondence, minutes, and other administrative files, are at the Archives of Ontario.

Inventory:

1.1 List of Contents. Contains a list of the folders available at Brock University, as well as a brief list of the material available at the Archives of Ontario.

1.2 Correspondence, 1987-1992. Contains correspondence between Sean O’Sullivan, Brock University, and the Archives of Ontario regarding the material compiled by the task force.


1.4 Acts, n.d. Contains photocopied excerpts from legal acts, including the Community Social Services Act, and Criminal Procedure, specifically the reporting of maltreatment of vulnerable adults.

1.5 Articles on Advocacy, 1983-1986. Includes The Symbols and Meanings of Advocacy by Neal Milner; Rights Protection and Advocacy: the need to do more with less by Freddolino and Appelbaum; The Rising Tide of Patients’ Rights Advocacy by Appelbaum; Mental health advocacy: paradigm or panacea; Elderly
Health Advocacy Group: an integrative planning model of elderly consumers and service deliverers by Ehrlich; Families of Schizophrenics: a movement in jeopardy; Rights of Persons in Long-Term Care Facilities by Snider and Howell; Grassroots Advocacy for the Elderly in Small Rural Communities by Arnold S. Brown; and Self-Help Advocacy Movement: a promising peer-support system for people with mental disabilities by Rhoades, Browning, and Thorin.

1.6 Bill 176: An Act to amend the Nursing Homes Act, 1986. Contains a copy of the complete act.

1.7 Advocacy/Case Management, n.d. Contains a typewritten document of a case study describing how the social services of case management and advocacy were utilized in the case of a pregnant woman who is moderately developmentally handicapped with limited verbal skills.


1.12 Alberta Social Services, 1985-1987. Contains promotional booklets by Alberta Social Services, including Guardianship: an alternate voice for the dependent adult; Guardianship and the Dependent Adult; Physician’s Guide to Guardianship and the Dependent Adult; and Considering Guardianship of an Adult; a copy of the Dependent Adults Act by the Government of Alberta, 1985; a copy of a Dependent Adults Regulation by the Government of Alberta, 1985; flowcharts, graphs and statistics from the Office of the Public Guardian, Alberta Social Services; and a paper titled The 1.5% Solution by Melane Hotz, Public Guardian, Alberta Social Services.


1.15 ARCH [Advocacy Resource Centre for the Handicapped], 1986-1987. Contains an extract from the inquest of John Dimun by Carla McKague, Counsel, and correspondence from the Advocacy Resource Centre for the Handicapped to government officials concerning advocacy in nursing homes and the Committee on Substitute Decision Making.

1.16 ARCH’s Purpose and Goal, n.d. Contains a typewritten document outlining the group’s purpose, goal, and short term objectives, as well as a brochure.

1.17 ARCH’s Summary of Recommendations from Abella Study, 1984-1985, n.d. Contains a document titled *Access to Legal Services by the Disabled: ARCH’s Summary of Recommendations from Abella Study*; a letter from ARCH to the Attorney General commenting on Judge Abella’s report; and a report of a subcommittee to the Legal Aid Committee commenting on Judge Abella’s report *Access to Legal Services by the Disabled*.

1.18 ARCH questionnaire, 1986. Contains completed questionnaires distributed by ARCH to Larry Grossman, M.P.P., and David Reville, M.P.P.


1.20 Background notes on homes for the aged, n.d. Contains one page of typewritten notes.

1.21 Baycrest Hospital (Geriatric Hospital), 1984-1987. Contains a summary of hospital features and programs, an annual report (1985-1986), a brochure, and an article titled *The Geriatric Hospital: a new concept in the care of the elderly* by Morris Jesion.


1.27 Citizen Advocacy & Protective Services for the Impaired and Handicapped, 1973. Contains excerpts from Citizen Advocacy and Protective Services for the Impaired and Handicapped published by the National Institute on Mental Retardation.

1.28 Cooperation with other Ministries, n.d. Contains a list of social programs and services provided by different government Ministries.

1.29 Concerned Friends of Ontario Citizens in Care Facilities, 1987. Contains a document titled Rationale for establishing Advocacy Ontario; a list of four principles proposed to improve communication and information exchange between Concerned Friends and Extendicare Nursing Homes; and research material gathered by Concerned Friends.


1.31 The Corporation of the City of Windsor, 1986. Contains a submission to the Social Assistance Review Committee from the City of Windsor, October 29, 1986.

1.32 In the County Court of Lanark, 1982. Contains the judgement in the case of Ronald Clark and Justin Clark, as well as the closing statement in the case by David Baker, Solicitor for Justin Clark.

1.34 Elderly Health Advocacy Group, 1983. Contains an article by Phylis Ehrlich titled *Elderly Health Advocacy Group: an integrative planning model of elderly consumers and service deliverers*.

1.35 Etobicoke Social Development Council, 1984-1987. Contains a report titled *Elder Abuse: a shared problem* by the Toronto Mayor’s Committee on Aging; news clippings on elder abuse; a bibliography on abuse of the aged; and an information sheet on Needs of the Elderly Committee, a committee established by the Etobicoke Social Development Council in 1972.

1.36 Extendicare Health Services, 1987. Contains a comparison of Extendicare nursing home rates between the provinces; and a submission to the Standing Committee on Social Development by the Ontario Nursing Home Association concerning amendments to the Nursing Homes Act.

1.37 Facilities for the Developmentally Handicapped, n.d. Contains a list of MCSS [Ministry of Community and Social Services] facilities for the developmentally handicapped, including those operated directly by MCSS and those operated by independent boards.

1.38 Families of Schizophrenics, 1986. Contains a copy of an article titled *Families of Schizophrenics: a movement in jeopardy*.

1.39 Federal-Provincial Cost-Sharing, n.d. Contains a document outlining the conditions under which a program may qualify for cost-sharing.


1.41 Guardianship, 1987. Contains a list of suggested questions for site visits.


1.43 Health and Social Service Strategies for Ontario’s Seniors, 1986. Contains a copy of *A New Agenda: Health and Social Service Strategies for Ontario’s Seniors*, Ministry for Senior Citizens’ Affairs.
| 2.1   | Information required regarding State Advocacy Programs, 1983-1987. Contains documents from the Office of Elder Affairs in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and typewritten notes from a meeting with Steven Schwartz in June 1987 containing comments on the advocacy model. |
| 2.2   | Initial report of the sub-committee on the disabled & handicapped of the standing committee, 1987. Contains a copy of *Challenge: putting our house in order*, the initial report of the sub-committee on the disabled and the handicapped. |
| 2.6   | Job description of community relations workers, 1985-1987. Contains a job description used to hire community relations workers, a circular letter on the community relations program, and a brief expansion on the goals and objectives defined in the letter. |
| 2.7   | Law and Mental Retardation, 1977. Contains a copy of *A Balanced Multi-Component Advocacy/Protection Schema* from the monograph series Law and Mental Retardation. |
2.8 Manson’s Evaluation Committee, 1987. Contains a request for proposals re: evaluation of the psychiatric patient advocate office from Allan Manson; and a list of names and addresses for soliciting submissions.

2.9 Material from Concerned Friends, 1980-1987. Contains news releases; a summary report titled *Advocacy Organizations for Nursing Home Residents: a national study*; a report titled *Protection and Advocacy in the United States: the first three years*; correspondence; a statement of principles of the Ontario Coalition for Nursing Home Reform; news clippings; and an excerpt from *Guide to Development of Protective Services for Older People*.

2.10 Material from Robin Cox, 1987. Contains a booklet on programs and services offered by the Ministry of Community and Social Services; a report by Robin Cox titled *Volunteer Advocacy in Ontario: a survey of voluntary associations* and *Report on the Organization of the Ministry of Community and Social Services*; and a list of social programs and services provided by different government Ministries.


2.12 Mental Health Advocacy, 1983. Contains an article titled *Mental health advocacy: paradigm or panacea?*

2.13 Mental Health Centre, Penetanguishene, n.d. Contains a summary of the Centre’s purpose and structure.

2.14 Ministry of Community and Social Service, 1983. Contains program guidelines for the adult protective service worker from the Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services; and a discussion paper on Guardianship, Service Coordination/Case Management and Advocacy.


2.19 New Jersey Advocacy Models, 1986-1987. Contains notes on the New Jersey Advocacy Models; an organizational chart for the division of advocacy for the developmentally disabled; a series of brochures for the Disability Law Series; the final report of the Evaluation of the Quality of Services Provided to Clients of the Division of Advocacy for the Developmentally Disabled submitted to the State of New Jersey, Department of the Public Advocate; a description of duties for a field representative of the Department of the Public Advocate; and a 1986 Annual Report of the New Jersey Department of the Public Advocate and Office of the Public Defender.

2.20 New Jersey Department of Civil Service, 1985-1987. Contains a booklet with legislation on the mandatory reporting of adult abuse, nursing home patients’ bill of rights, and boarding home residents bill of rights; manuals for visitors to the elderly; descriptions of duties for Public Advocate Field Representatives and Assistant Deputy Public Advocates; a report titled Investigation of the Circumstances Surrounding the Death of Elizabeth S., a patient at Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital; and a 1985 Annual Report for the Department of the Public Advocate.


3.3 The Ombudsman, Ontario, n.d. Contains excerpts from Advocacy and Empowerment: Mental Health Care in the Community by Stephen Rose and Bruce Black.
3.4 Ombudsman for the Institutionalized Elderly (New Jersey), 1987, n.d. Contains a booklet with legislation on the mandatory reporting of adult abuse, nursing home patients’ bill of rights, and boarding home residents bill of rights; an organizational chart of the Office of the Ombudsman for the Institutionalized Elderly; financial account justification summaries; and a summary of the objectives, jurisdiction and authority of the Office of the Ombudsman for the Institutionalized Elderly.

3.5 On Our Own (Ontario Patients’ Self-Help Association), 1986, n.d. Contains information sheets about On Our Own; an article titled Patient Advocate Office: good intentions aren’t enough by Pat Capponi; and an annotated index of back issues of Phoenix Rising.


3.8 Ontario Association for the Mentally Retarded (OAMR), Toronto, 1985. Contains the final report of the investigation of complaints regarding the Muskoka Centre in Gravenhurst by the OAMR.


3.10 Ontario Extended Care Program, 1987. Contains a chart providing data on the residents of Ontario Homes for the Aged and Nursing Homes.

3.11 Ontario Friends of Schizophrenics, 1985. Contains tips for letter writing when advocating on behalf of a friend or family member with schizophrenia; a list of recommended reading; and a presentation by Peter Turner titled A Partnership for Progress: the way ahead for the families and the professionals.


3.18 Patient Care Classification, n.d. Contains a photocopy of *Patient Care Classification* by the Ministry of Health.


3.21 Patients’ Rights Association, 1980-1987. Contains a position paper by the Association titled *Ontario’s Health Care System in the 80’s and Beyond*; comments on the need for the function of the Patient Advocate; newsletters by the Association; a submission to the Health Professions Review; case histories compiled by the Association; response of the Patients’ Rights Association to “Legal and Procedural Issues Associated with the Self-Regulation of Health Professionals”; brochures and booklets.

3.22 Patterns of Support, 1986. Contains a report prepared for the Ministry of Housing titled *Patterns of Support: the use of support services among senior citizen public housing tenants in Ontario* by Margaret Denton and Christine Davis.
3.23 Patterns of Support, 1987. Contains a report prepared for the Ministry of Housing titled *Patterns of Support: the use of support services among family public housing tenants in Ontario* by Margaret Denton and Christine Davis.

3.24 Pennsylvania Advocacy Model, 1980-1987. Contains typewritten notes on the Pennsylvania Advocacy Model; a preliminary assessment of the Rights Advisor Program at Harrisburg State Hospital; a client representative program description; a first year assessment of the Right Advisor Program at Harrisburg State Hospital; complaint processing procedures; and an article from Psychiatric Quarterly titled *The Patients’ Rights Representative Program: Design of an Ombudsman Service for Mental Patients*.

3.25 A Place on Earth, 1982. Contains a copy of *A Place on Earth* by Betty Jane Wylie, with an inscription by the author on the title page.

3.26 Provider Advisory Committee, 1980-1986. Contains articles, including *Mental health advocacy: paradigm or panacea; Consent to treatment—the principles, the provincial statutes and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms; Autonomy: concepts and misconceptions; Rights Protection and Advocacy: the need to do more with less; The Symbols and Meanings of Advocacy; Elderly Psychiatric Patients in Institutions—implications of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms; Patient Advocates: how managers can work with them; Small hospitals will have to redefine their role; and Volunteer Community Representatives as Ombudsmen for the Elderly in Long-Term Care Facilities*.


3.28 Psychiatric Patient Advocate Office, 1982-1987. Contains a statement to the Evaluation Committee for the Psychiatric Patient Advocate Office from the Advocates Incumbent; a job description for psychiatric patient advocate; a request for proposals re: evaluation of the psychiatric patient advocate office from Allan Manson; comments from the Advocacy Resource Centre for the Handicapped about the evaluation of the Psychiatric Patient Advocate Program; a report by the Guardianship Committee titled *Guardianship: Unity in Diversity*; an interim report on the estates of persons incapable of managing their property by the Ministry of the Attorney General; and the first report of the Psychiatric Patient Advocate Office.
3.29 Queen Street Mental Health Centre, 1983-1987. Contains the goals and objectives of the Centre; mission statement; annual report (1985-1986); statistics from the study of blocked beds at the Centre; a diagram of the administrative structure; a fact sheet; facts and figures from the Centre from April 1984 to March 1986; a handbook for patients and relatives; and brochures on out-patient and community services.

4.1 Rehabilitation Literature, 1986. Contains an article titled *Self-Help Advocacy Movement: a promising peer-support system for people with mental disabilities* by Rhoades, Browning and Thorin.


4.4 Report on the Organization of the Ministry of Community and Social Services, 1987. Contains a report and a photocopied booklet of the programs and services of the Ministry of Community and Social Services.


4.11 Rights for Persons in Long-Term Care Facilities, 1986. Contains a letter to the editor of the *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society* by Ruth Snider and Mary Howell.

4.12 Rights Protection and Advocacy, 1984. Contains several articles, including *Rights Protection and Advocacy: the need to do more with less; The Rising Tide of Patients’ Rights Advocacy; Mental Health Advocacy: paradigm or panacea?;* and *Self-Help Advocacy Movement: a promising peer-support system for people with mental disabilities.*


4.21  Toronto Mayor’s Committee on Aging, 1984-1985. Contains reports of the Committee, and publications of the San Francisco Consortium for Elder Abuse Prevention, including a history and description, a community outreach booklet, and elder abuse in the Asian community.


