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LEN Approach to Engagement

Advisory meetings will be a safe and confidential space where participants are treated with respect and courtesy.

- Respectful language
- Equal time to share responses
- Feedback relates to the advisory topic
- Respect each other's privacy and confidentiality

Please do not share

- Names of staff or organizations
- Full name of the person/people you are supporting
- Any personal health information (yours or others)
- Your last name (please list only your first name on the Zoom video)



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The Role of the LEN SEO

Our role is to host intentional advisory conversations with health care and community support partners about improving the lived and living experiences of people with dementia and similar diagnoses and their care partners across our region.

We are not:

- a support group
- an ombudsman
- an advocacy group



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The LEN Cycle

- We exchange knowledge through
 - Intentional conversations
 - Ongoing communication
- Information is used in different ways
 - Clear feedback loops to those asking a question
 - Ongoing use, the LEN perspective is steeped in ongoing or future projects



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Sources of Discussion Topics

- From health care and community support partners
- Through Providence Care Seniors Mental Health Behavioural Support Services (SMHBSS)
- From Providence Care SMHBSS
- From provincial partners
- From Lived Experience Advisors



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Advisory versus Advocacy

Advisory Groups collect information and distribute it so others may use it when advocating or planning for change.

- The focus is providing information and making recommendations.

Advocacy groups actively work towards achieving a specific outcome.

- They work by influencing, persuading and taking action towards a goal.

- www.alzeducate.ca – Advisory college
- www.actionfordementia.ca



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