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Organizing:

Trillium

CUPE has organized 1,200 clerical staff at Trillium Health Partners in Mississauga. Unfortunately the hospital has challenged 500 of the positions, claiming they are non-union. This issue is being litigated. Excellent work by CUPE local 5180 and CUPE national staff.

Campbellford

10 PSWs have been organized at a satellite site of the Campbellford Memorial Hospital. The hospital has challenged that it is the employer for these workers. The issue is now being litigated, This is the result of dogged determination by the executive of CUPE local 2247.



CUPE local 6364 (Lakeridge) VP Cindy Dowson, presents the RPN of the year award to Juliet Saunders

Protest against privatization of hospital surgeries at Premiers' conference

Hundreds, including many from CUPE's hospital locals, protested outside the meeting of the Prime Minister and Canada's premier's in Huntsville on July 22.

The protest, organized by the Ontario Health Coalition, was against the privatization of hospital surgeries. Ontario plans to privatize up to 50% of hospital surgeries. Private surgeries are 2x as expensive as those done in public hospitals and studies have shown that private surgeries give the wealthy much greater access to them and everyone else, less.



Perth & Smith's Falls Activist and National Staff Representative Doreen Beath Passes

CUPE National staff representative and long-time CUPE Local 2119 president, Doreen Beath has died. Doreen also served as an alternate Vice-president of the Ontario Council of Hospital Unions-CUPE.

When the Perth and Smith's Falls hospitals merged, plans were made to transfer some patients from Perth to Smith's Falls. The two communities are not served by public transit. Doreen warned that some of the seniors would die if transferred. The hospital fired her. She worked on OCHU-CUPE campaigns until she was reinstated by the Labour Relations Board.

Seniors did die in that transfer, as it turned out.

She was a great activist.

Major Study on Nurse to Patient Ratios in August

OCHU-CUPE has commissioned a major study of nurse to patient ratios, which will be released at the Ontario legislature on August 12.

The study looks at the successful introduction of these ratios in other provinces (BC) and in other countries (USA, Australia etc.). Where they have been introduced, patient deaths have fallen and nurse retention has improved significantly.

A zoom call to review the study, with the report's authors, Dr. Margaret Keith and Dr. James Brophy of the University of Windsor, will be held on August 7 at 10 a.m. and at 5 p.m. The zoom invitation is below. Just paste the link into your browser.



RPN ZOOM CALL

Call will happen August 7 at 10 am and 5 pm EST.

We are going to be discussing the nursing patient ratios.

All CUPE members are welcome!

Join Zoom Meeting:

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