

NEWSBULLETIN

North Bay /Long-term Care Ratios/PSW Regulation/MPP Rallies

Joint Campaign by CUPE, SEIU and Unifor against PSW regulatory body plans

The 3 largest unions representing personal support workers (CUPE, SEIU & Unifor) have agreed to mount a joint campaign to demand changes to the plans for regulation of personal support workers.

The proposed discipline process for PSWs doesn't have the protections other professions enjoy. No PSWs sit on the board. It's not clear how much fees will be. PSWs without credentials worry that the grandparenting proposed by HSCPOA leaves them vulnerable. Full campaign details coming in the next few weeks.



North Bay Regional Health Centre local president Mike Turgeon at town hall meeting to fight cuts. So far their campaign has won \$10 million in funding

Local unions battle funding cuts across the province

Local unions in North Bay, Ottawa and Hamilton have held protests against funding cuts that have resulted in the layoff of staff and the elimination of vital jobs.

Staff at the North Bay Regional Health Centre have held 3 rallies and a town hall meeting and so far their campaign has won over \$10 million in new funding. Staff at the Royal Ottawa Hospital and the Perley Rideau Veterans Health Centre and St. Joseph's Hospital in Hamilton have all held rallies pushing the province for more funding for their facilities.



Long term care locals facing cuts, demanding staff ratios in long-term care

Long-term care (LTC) local unions are fighting cuts in staffing as funding for their institutions falls behind real costs.

CUPE Local 870 held a very well attended rally in January to protest the layoff of over 30 staff, including RPNs and PSWs.

Local unions at the Perley, Guelph-St. Joseph's and St. Joseph's Villa in Hamilton have called for a campaign for staff to resident ratios in LTC. OCHU has hired a researcher to look at legislated staff ratios in LTC around the world as a starting point for that campaign.

Funding cuts of 4% a year for 3 years will mean 7,500 fewer nurses, 1,800 fewer PSW's and 2,500 bed cuts

Hospitals have been told to budget for increases of 2% a year for the next 3 years, but their costs are rising by 6%. The independent Financial Accountability Office predicts cuts of 7,500 nurses, 1,800 psw's and the cut of 2,500 beds.

CUPE is releasing a report on the impact of these cuts in 15 communities across Ontario and following that with 11 rallies at the constituency office of Conservative Members of Provincial Parliament.

Please attend the rally closest to you. Fighting back can save services and jobs. Help defend patient care.

Rally Against the Health Care Cuts

DATE	LOCATION	MPP
Feb 3 @ 10 am	Stratford	Matthew Rae
Feb 17 @ 10 am	Cobourg	David Piccini
Feb 18 @ 10 am	Ajax	Peter Bethhelfalvy
Feb 19 @ 10 am	Hamilton	Neil Lumsden
Feb 23 @ 10 am	Peterborough	Dave Smith
Feb 24 @ 10 am	Kenora	Greg Rickford
Feb 25 @ 10 am	Brockville	Steve Clark
Feb 26 @ 10 am	Ottawa/Carleton	George Darouze
Feb 27 @ 10 am	North Bay	Vic Fedeli
March 2 @ 10 am	Toronto	Doug Ford
March 3 @ 10 am	Pembroke	Billy Denault

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