



# Take action on Community Health!

A campaign bulletin for OPSEU  
members  
working in community care

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## Long Term Care Forums:

Dates have now been confirmed for the Long Term Care forums in a number of communities across the province:

- Feb. 5: Thunder Bay**
- Feb. 6: Sault Ste. Marie,**
- Feb. 13: Hamilton**
- Feb 15: Windsor**
- Feb. 21: Ottawa**
- Feb. 22: Kingston.**
- Mar. 6: Toronto**

For further information on how your local can be involved, please contact Barb Linds at OPSEU Head Office extension 203.

## ONA says VON Toronto belongs under HLDA:

On December 21 ONA asked the Ontario Labour Relations Board to determine whether the Toronto York Region Branch of the VON was a hospital or an institution as defined by the Hospital Labour Disputes Arbitrations Act. If successful in their

arguments, this branch of the VON would have access to arbitration for the settlement of their collective agreements. OPSEU is very interested in the outcome of this case. Your executive and the Health Care Divisional Council will be discussing this issue at their February meetings.

## Like to Read?

### *Ill Gotten Gains*

Think health care for profit is a neo-con dream? It's already a reality. At a time when home care is being forced to pick up the slack from our over-stressed hospitals, competition is cutting into the quality of care and private companies are cashing in.

*This Magazine, November/December 2000.*

### *Contracting Out Health Services—Are we gambling with Universal Medicare?*

The purchase of private health care services has always existed in Canada. So why has Alberta's Health Care Protection Act (Bill 11)

become such a contested issue?

*Health Policy Forum, Fall 2000.*

### *The Changing Nature of Home Care and Its Impact on Women's Vulnerability to Poverty*

This research builds on previous studies that show women's roles as unpaid and underpaid caregivers contribute to the income gap between women and men. It also examines whether current home care policies and practices have any impact on women's vulnerability to poverty. *Status of Women Canada, Policy Research, November 1999.*

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