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Sector Executive 2011 –2013

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Introducing your new executive

L –R: Louise, Tamara, Morgen T, Julia, Lucy, Sue, Shari, Charlene.

Louise Mulligan Roy has been a bilingual social worker at Champlain CCAC since 1997 working out of the Casselman office. She is the newly elected chair of the sector and has been a member of the executive in various roles since 2001. In her free time she enjoys piano, golf and photography

Julia Watts is a physiotherapist with Carefor Health and Community Services in Ottawa. She has worked in the same job for 23 years but has had 5 employers! Julia is a unit steward with L4101 and has been on the Sector Executive since 2009. In her spare time, Julia is a quilter.

Tamara Lasik is an RN with VON Hamilton. She became a steward during the VON strike in 1999 and has been Chief Steward for the past 2 years. This is Tamara's second term on the executive.

Lucy Morton is president of the VON Hamilton local 269. She is the past chair of the sector and a long time activist in OPSEU. Lucy has worked the VON for almost 30 years as an RPN community nurse. She sits on the boards of OCH-OW (Occupational Health Clinics for Ontario Workers) Hamilton, Workers' Arts and Heritage and First Ontario Credit Union.

Shari Greenhorn has been a Case Manager at the Champlain CCAC for 11 years. She worked 3 years with the adult population and has been on the pediatric team for the past 8 years. She is the secretary on her local executive and is the treasurer for the Community Health Care Professional Executive.

Morgen T Veres is originally from Nova Scotia and has worked as a public health inspector for three years. Morgen is the president of local 487, the Renfrew County and District Health Unit in Pembroke Ontario, and has been for the last year. This is Morgen's first term on the sector executive.

Sue McSheffrey is a physiotherapist working 20 years on staff at the Champlain CCAC out of Renfrew. She was the first chair of the division in 1999 when OPSEU merged with her former union AAHP:O. Sue is the named employee in the Class Action for the OMERS –HOOPP case. She is also president of her local labour council and NDP Riding Association.

Charlene "Char" Gilck is a Parent Support Worker with the Bruce-Grey Health Unit. A Child and Youth Worker by training, Charlene was formerly a youth advisor with a provincially-mandated anti-tobacco program with the health unit. Char is an avid sports fan, and fanatic about hockey. Her interests include traveling, and most things outdoors including hiking, cycling, paddling, fishing and snowshoeing. Char is the President of Local 276.

Welcome—Bienvenue!

To our newest sector members :

VON Grey Bruce

L'Equipe de santé familiale communautaire de l'est d'Ottawa

L'Equipe de santé familiale Connexion (Connexion Family Health Team)

Dr. Bob Kemp Centre for Hospice Palliative Care—Hamilton

Dia|b|logue OPSEU Health Care Divisional Council
News & Commentary on Ontario's Health System

<http://opseudiablogue.wordpress.com/>

Check out this site run by OPSEU with up to date issues in the health care field. Rick Janson, OPSEU campaigns, is always looking for stories to publish. He can be contacted at rjanson@opseu.org



BPS Success

The Biennial OPSEU Broader Public Sector conference was held in Toronto on June 16-18. The sector day included a session on bullying in the workplace and it was apparent that all our member sites are dealing with increasing levels of bullying and stress. At the end of the day the new sector executive was elected for a two-year term.

Pictured is the group during discussions.

Class Action

(Affecting Home Care Program workers in OMERS in 1997 who were transferred to CCAC s and HOOPP and who were members of AAHP:O, OPSEU, ONA, CIPP, or CUPE and became OPSEU members following a PSLRTA vote)

We want to thank you for your patience during this process. Class actions provide a valuable method for resolution of issues for large groups of people, but they have their own inherent complexities, particularly in the pension area, where there are large numbers of affected members and where there are multiple parties.

The documents are currently with the government for final review. We believe we have proposed a reasonable process to the Government which will move this matter forward and will advise you when we have their response.

At that point we will engage in a process of distribution of the settlement monies through a court approved process of application by affected members, review of the applications for approval and distribution of the monies. We have already begun discussions with a respected administrator in the field of distributions, Ricepoint. They are familiar with the terms of the settlement and with the type of distribution we are proposing to the court. Assuming approval of the settlement, we will continue to work with Ricepoint to ensure an orderly distribution of the settlement monies.

Sue McSheffrey

Want a visit?

Members of the Sector Executive are happy to come to a unit or local meeting to talk about what we do and what is happening in the sector. Contact us via skmcs@sympatico.ca and we will coordinate a visit

***The Ontario Health Coalition
Annual Assembly is on November
19 & 20 at the Toronto Sheraton
Centre. Check the web site to
register. All welcome
<http://www.web.net/ohc/>***