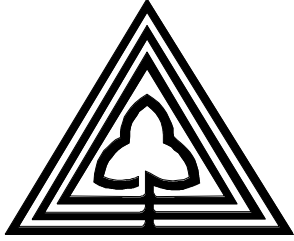


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Kaymar Settlement

The employees at Kaymar Rehabilitation Inc (the successor employer for therapists divested from the Ottawa-Carleton CCAC last spring) recently ratified a collective agreement that is retroactive to April 1999 and will expire March 31, 2002. In addition to salary increases, there were improvements to benefits.

The salary increases will result in a maximum rate of \$31.96 for Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists, and \$33.86 for Social Workers effective April 1, 2001.

News from the CCAC Units

Elgin divesting therapists

The Elgin CCAC is moving ahead with the divestment of its therapists. We are currently bargaining an implementation agreement for the framework agreement negotiated by AAHP:O with the government and a group of CCACs.

Operational Review at Hamilton Wentworth

From Andrew Dreschel, Hamilton Spectator

“The ministry of health is set to launch a probe into the troubled agency that arranges home-nursing care in Hamilton... Although that makes it the first CCAC in Ontario to undergo a full-blown operational review, the move is hardly a bolt from the blue.... At last count, 29 of the 42 CCACs across the province are projecting deficits for a grand total of about \$40 million...

An operational review will provide a bird's eye view into what's going on in the organization. It will verify facts and figures, assess efficiencies, weigh policies and evaluate relationships among management, the board and staff. It will also show whether management is right.

That all this stuff isn't smoke, it's fog. That the real problem at the CCAC is it needs more money.”

Kingston Health Coalition makes deputation to CCAC

The Kingston Health Coalition made a deputation to the Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox & Addington CCAC which focused on the topics of community governance, accountability and quality of care.

For copies of either article or deputation, contact Barb Linds.

Welcome to New Unit at All Care

We are happy to welcome a new bargaining unit recently certified at All Care Health Services, which has a contract with the Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox & Addington CCAC. The new unit covers 136 Personal Support Workers.

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