



# Health Care Links

A newsletter for OPSEU  
stewards working in health care

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## News from the Ontario Health Coalition

### Rallies planned for local Tory MPP offices on Wed. May 23:

Mike Harris is planning to make privatization the focus of the upcoming debate on the future of Canada's health care system. He says we shouldn't fear looking to the private sector for solutions.

**We need to show the Tories we won't stand for this!**

### Please join members of local health coalitions and other activists at Tory MPP offices on May 23.

**Brampton** - Protest, 3 - 5 pm, Health Minister Tony Clement's office, 201 County Court Blvd.

Contact: Michael at 416-561-4678 or Donna at 416-701-5102 (pager).

**Brockville** - Protest, 1 - 3 pm, Bob Runciman's office, 243 Perth Street. Contact 613-549-6258.

**Burlington** - contact Burlington United to Save Healthcare at 905-681-0242.

**Cornwall** - The Cornwall Health Coalition and supporters will be joining the action in Brockville at Bob Runciman's office. Contact Madeleine at 613-933-2390.

**Etobicoke North** - Protest, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm at John Hastings office, 100 Rexdale Avenue. Contact: Steve Watson at 416-718-8462

**Hamilton** - Protest, Brad Clark's office in Stoney Creek, 44 King St. E. Time TBA. Contact Fran of the

Hamilton Health Coalition at 905-387-1202.

**Kingston** - The Kingston Health Coalition and supporters will be joining the action in Brockville at Bob Runciman's office. Carpooling from Steelworkers' Hall, 206 Concession Street at 12 pm. Returning by 4 pm. Contact: Charlie Stock at 613-549-6258, cstock@kingston.net

**London** - Protest, Diane Cunningham's office, 650 Waterloo Street at 4 - 6 pm. Contact: Peter Bergmanis of the London Health Coalition at 519-433-4403.

**Markham** - Protest, 4:30 pm David Tsubouchi's office, 8901 Woodbine Ave. Contact: Simon Collins at 905-294-9321, glennacollins@sympatico.ca

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### Get active in your local health coalition:

Local health coalitions organize around health issues in their communities and link with the Ontario Health Coalition around province wide campaigns and actions, such as the annual day of action on health care. There are local coalitions now in Sault Ste. Marie, London, Toronto, Hamilton, Kingston, Durham and Windsor. Groups interested in health care issues also meet in Renfrew, Sudbury, Timmins and Cornwall. If your local is interested in getting people together in your community to talk about health issues with a view to building a local coalition, or for contact information about existing coalitions, please give Barb Linds a call at 416 443-8888/ 1-800-268-7376, extension 203.

This newsletter from the **Health Care Divisional Council (HCDC)** is being mailed to all local presidents and stewards in the health care sectors. It will also be posted on the Divisional Council's web page at [www.opseu.org](http://www.opseu.org) Click on "Health Care" under BPS sectors.

**Please post** the newsletter on your union bulletin board and share it with your colleagues. Let us know what you'd like to hear about. You can send e-mails to us through the link on the HCDC web page.

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**Oshawa** - Protest, 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm  
Jim Flaherty's office, 114 Dundas St.  
E., Whitby. Contact: Jim Freeman of  
the Durham Health Coalition at 905-  
434-5922, jfreeman5922@home.com

**Ottawa** - Protest at Garry Guzzo's  
office. Time TBA. Contact Abe of  
the Ottawa Health Coalition at 613-  
244-2817, arosenfeld@sandyhillhc.  
on.ca

**Owen Sound** - Protest at Bill  
Murdoch's office, 1047 Second Ave.  
E. Time TBA. Contact Jill at 519-  
986-4253, mcillwraith@aol.com

**Renfrew** - contact Sue at 613-432-  
7208, skmcs@renfrew.net

**Sault Ste. Marie** - contact Elsa of  
the Algoma Health Coalition at 705-  
949-6235.

**Toronto** - Contact Julius Deautsch at  
416-445-58199 x 23, or call 416-  
441-3663 x 225 after Tues. May 15.

**Windsor** - contact Andy of the  
Windsor Health Coalition at 519-  
977-1058.

**For updates, check  
the OHC web page  
at [www.web.net/ohc](http://www.web.net/ohc)**

## **Join the OHC:**

Your local can become a  
member of the Ontario  
Health Coalition!

Membership information is  
available by contacting the  
OHC at [ohc@sympatico.ca](mailto:ohc@sympatico.ca)

## **People of Ontario Take Back Health Care:**

The Ontario Federation of  
Labour and the Ontario  
Health Coalition held a se-  
ries of public forums on  
health care last spring. You  
may have seen the report of  
these forums at the OPSEU  
convention. Copies are  
available for distribution to  
your local membership.  
Please call Barb Linds at  
OPSEU head office to order.

## **Keep Informed!**

This newsletter will be published  
after each Health Care Divisional  
Council meeting.

You can also keep informed about  
issues that affect your sector, as  
well as about other health care is-  
sues by checking the health care  
division pages on OPSEU's web-  
site at [www.opseu.org](http://www.opseu.org)

**Click on "health care" under  
BPS sectors and choose your  
sector from the list provided.**

**To reach Barb Linds in  
OPSEU's Campaigns Unit at  
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**Leah Casselman, President**

### **Contact your council members:**

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Hospital Health Care Professionals

**Secretary:** **Dan Tyo**, Local 147  
Ambulance

**Sue McSheffrey**, Local 481  
Community Health Care Professionals

**Leona Redden**, Local 668  
Long Term Care Facilities