



WHICH Direction?



A roadmap for OPSEU members in MOHLTC

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The times, they are a changin'

We have seen a lot of change in the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care over the past weeks as the ministry moves full steam ahead with their 'stewardship' agenda.

On April 21 about 600 members who issue health cards moved from MOHLTC to MGCS as their work was brought under the umbrella of Service Ontario.

Last week, OPSEU members across the province who work in the Central and Regional Public Health Labs learned more about plans to move their work into a Public Health Agency. These members will leave the OPS but continue as members of OPSEU.

This group of members is likely to be the first big test of successor rights legislation since it has been reinstated. They should move to the new employer with their union, collective agreement and pension intact.

Recently members at the Mental Health Centre Penetanguishene learned of a proposal to divest the governance of their regional programs to the Penetanguishene General Hospital, and the

governance of the Oakridge site to the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH).

The proposal comes from a ministerial supervisor appointed by the Minister of Health to solve some issues with the health care issues in the Midland-Penetanguishene area. These workers should benefit from the successor rights legislation as well should MOHLTC choose to move ahead with the supervisor's proposal.

The transition moves ahead in several other areas of the ministry. Your MERC team continues to meet with the employer to mitigate any impacts on our members and ensure the collective agreement is enforced. **To date no job loss has occurred due to this transition.**

Your MERC team will keep members informed of any new developments via this newsletter, teleconference and membership meetings as needed.

Members with questions regarding the transition can contact the MERC team via our hotline (905) 383-9453.

Contact us

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