

## ON HEALTH CARE

June 2005

### WE DELIVER THE CARE IN HEALTH CARE CAMPAIGN

In the spring of 2005, the Ontario Federation of Labour, working in conjunction with affiliates who have members in health care, came together to develop and implement the first phase of a campaign which addressed the consequences of under staffing in our health care system. In this first phase there were several aspects to the campaign:

#### 1) **Fact Finding**

Workers from health care were invited by their union to attend one of a number of meetings held across Ontario in May and June. The meetings were held in: Hamilton, Orillia, Ottawa, St. Catharines, Kingston, Kitchener, Brockville, Thunder Bay, Sudbury, Toronto (3), Timmins, Windsor, London, Owen Sound and Peterborough. A series of questions with a focus on under staffing had been developed by the OFL and affiliates.

This was an opportunity for health care workers from all sectors and unions to share their stories and to learn from each other. Workers from nursing homes, homes for the aged, retirement homes, hospitals, emergency services, public health, laboratories, home care and mental health facilities were involved.

A report is being developed to bring together their stories and their experiences.

#### 2) **Post Cards**

A postcard with the theme "We deliver the care in health care" was developed, distributed and collected by affiliates to ensure that the voices of health care workers are heard. It called on the OFL to forward the signed postcards to Premier McGuinty. This will be done at an appropriate time. Other workers could show their support for health care workers by also signing a post card (See reverse side).

#### 3) **Follow Up**

The completed report on under staffing will be a useful resource for follow up activities in the fall of 2005 - activities which will be developed and implemented by the OFL in conjunction with affiliates who have members in health care.

The active involvement of health care workers and the wider labour movement across Ontario is vital to the success of any activities planned. This will not duplicate the important work the labour movement is doing as part of the Ontario Health Coalition.

**P L E A S E   P O S T**



# We deliver the care in health care

**Dear Premier McGuinty:**

Before restructuring health care and establishing Local Health Integrated Networks (LHINs) – speak to us – we deliver the *care* in health care. We believe:

- ▲ More frontline staff are critically needed in every part of the health care system and related programs: home and community care, nursing homes, homes for the aged, mental health and addiction, hospitals, public health and ambulance services.
- ▲ Our health care system must be kept public. We want health care dollars for services not profits.
- ▲ Local Health Integrated Networks must have local democratic control. LHINs cannot be allowed to make decisions behind closed doors.

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Although not a health care worker  
I agree with their demands.

**ATTENTION: Ontario Federation of Labour,  
please forward this signed postcard to  
Premier Dalton McGuinty**



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