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Report from Natalie

Success stopping the expansion of Private Hospitals

The ban in the Private Hospitals ACT has worked to stop new Private Hospitals from opening in this province for an entire generation. The minister and the Premier agreed with these concerns and amended the legislation in response.

As a result of our work, thousands of individual concerned citizens who called or emailed their MPP's, or the Minister's office,or the Premier.

Thank you to OCHU/CUPE for providing the legal team. Coordination of response to Bill 160.

Bill 160 was an omnibus bill that enacts or repealed 7 entire Acts, and amended another 30+ Acts. It was moved through the Legislature very quickly and there were only 4 part-days of hearings in Toronto for the public to give input.

The OCH acted as an opinion leader in response to the Bill,drafting an analysis and distributing it widely, coordinating the opposition to Schedule 9, writing a submission to the public hearings on the entire Bill and coordinating response to build consensus among a wide assortment to of organizations

Private Clinics

Based on a National report on the Private Clinics which was reported on the front page of the Globe and Mail,not only did we successfully amend the Ontario omnibus health care legislation in December,but the B.C.

Government has taken heed and made this a priority issue.

Ontario Budget

OHC board member Joined Natalie Mehra in the budget lock up this year. Prior to the release of the budget, we had arranged with local health coalitions to have spokespeople available for the local media.

On Budget Day, we produced our Budget media release, held a conference call to brief local coalitions and did the media scrums at Queens Park. We were covered in all provincial media that was present including: CP24, City, Toronto Star, Toronto Sun, Omnibus, CTV, Global TV and others.

LTC

We made a good showing at a large long-term care rally in February at Queens Park which we co-sponsored with CUPE-Ontario and OFL.

Promoted Bill 33-the minimum care standard Private Member's Bill.

Ontario Election

We held pre-election rallies, town hall meetings and all-candidates meetings all across Ontario, helping to set the key healthcare issues.

The Liberals felt pressure of our hospital overcrowding campaign.

Won reopening closed hospital beds. By February Health minister Eric Hoskins announced an extra 180 million for hospitals and the extension of 1200 hospital beds and another 1000 spaces outside of hospitals.

We did a 11 city tour with Professor John Lister via Skype.

Facebook posts were widely shared with the most popular ones reaching between 50,000 and 100,000 people with a warning about the Ford proposals to cut billions from provincial revenues used to pay for our public services.

Success Stopping the Muskoka Hospital Closure Campaign

The new Muskoka Health Coalition did a terrific job.

Natalie Mehra presented to the Task Force appointed by the Muskoka Algonquin hospital board regarding the future of the hospitals in Bracebridge and Huntsville. This is the hospital board that closed the Burk's Falls health centre without asking the LHIN permission.

Ultimately the campaign was successful and both hospitals, with comprehensive services, will be preserved.

Windsor Hospital Mega-Merger Campaign

We developed a lawn sign "Don't Close Met & Oulette, 1000 lawn signs, media conference.

Success! Stopping the Lindsay/Peterborough Hospital Merger

We worked with physicians and community members concerned about a plan, hatched by the two hospital CEO's.

We held two public meetings, a media campaign and supported the local coalitions in building resistance to the plan which would of seen services cut and rationalized across two communities.

We were successful and the LHIN withdrew the proposal

So far the coalition has 2000 signatures so far.

Reports from all coalitions at the mic.

Sharon Riche OCHU/CUPE reported

We have been very active this year, having several rallies. Then the large rally in Oct at Queen's Park Organizing it with OHC.

The Sudbury Hospital is facing layoffs and 11 million deficit. This week we had town hall and Natalie was there.

The local coalition very involved. We will be getting petitions and go to the legislature this December.

Sudbury is a referral centre for Northern Ont.

Did a tour to end Hallway Medicine that was created by Doug Allan. It was covered well in the media. It showed how underfunded and understaffed we are in Ontario compared to the other provinces.

Time to Care Campaign CUPE keeping the need for more care in LTC Bill 33 now Bill 13.

LTC addressing the violence in LTC.

Looking forward to working with OHC and developing action plan over the next two days.

UPDATES ON KEY POLICY ISSUES-LAWRENCE WALKER

We don't know a lot. Public health,couple mergers-voluntary,expert panel report last year,no action done yet.

Liaison with LHIN's

Assistant deputy minister realignment

Economic statement -Doug read all 150 pages chuckles from crowd

Giant implication

Review of all agencies will be commenced.

Bargaining 2019 Provincial Agencies set mandate

Broader Public Sector reduce deficit by looking at bargaining.

4yr strike Thunder Bay settled last night. Will be a tough year.

CCAC's closed down

Deliver home care for profit agencies.

Reuben former CEO Humber setting up a council to end hallway medicine. Friend of Ford.

We did get 6000 beds LTC little funding overall.

Question on workers comp.

Forgave liability that's attached and a unfounded liability could be privatized,be a challenged down the road.

Natalie FISCAL POLIY

community Health Centres they are progressive models,Public Boards,doctors are on salary.we support. Budgets frozen.

Funding frozen since 2012.

Ford has cancelled all new injection sites. Continued ones we have,but need more. Ford looking at Rehab.

BUDGET POLICY

Lowest funding in Canada.30yrs of constraints and having more it will become very serious.

Cuts and privatization even though we know amalgamations more costly.

Tax cuts do not improve public services. It benefits wealthy and reduces money for public services.

Eg. Humber P3

Closed 3 community hospitals in order to build one. That is too small. So they opened up Humber Regional temporary beds.

1200 beds in last year.

Ford has a team full of Harper advisors. Appointed Reuben Devlin to end hallway medicine.

PC approach is shrink gov, shrink public services, inequality doesn't matter, Public going privatized.

All the cuts Harris, McGuinty lost 21 billion.

Ford wants to cut 22 billion.

Ernst and Yonge did report how to privatize, amalgamate. Overstated spending in public services. Propose transfer agencies and user fees.

They're will be a review of all provincial agencies. Review of all regulations the government has in place.

2:00pm Action Plan

Escalating Actions in response to major health service privatization.

Mass rally at Queens Park Spring 2019? 15,000

Equity

Campaign for improved care in LTC

- if the government moves to deregulate LTC. This would water down the improved inspections and enforcement regime that we have won through advocacy for over two decades.

- promised beds but it is very hard for public sector to get new beds. Will these new beds go to for-profit nursing homes.

Campaign to restore and expand public hospital services

Local Health Integration Network/ homecare

One major concern is that under the Kevin Smith homecare report, the recommendation, based on the desires of the large homecare chain companies, is to turn over the remaining public portion of homecare to a lead company in each region and to have that company subcontract the services.

Cross-province actions to stop cuts and privatization.

- local campaigns to Stop Hospital cuts
- for communities facing mega-mergers, we will write a public report and release it.
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Rallies at pre-budget hearings

Whistle stop tour/raise the alarm events

Healthcare on the front line: Train the trainer/educational

National issues

Primary care reform, equity and action on the social determinants of health

