

NEWSBULLETIN

Mount Sinai wage parity/Anti-privatization campaign/ Safe consumption

PSW's kick off campaign against Ontario's new psw agency

A teleconference call with hundreds of personal support workers held Nov. 18, kicked off a campaign to win major changes to the agency which will regulate PSWs.

As it is proposed now, PSWs will not have the same legal protections as professions like nurses, for example the right to appeal a loss of license. PSWs will also not be represented on the board.

Full details, including an online petition which we ask you to sign and encourage your coworkers to sign can be found at: www.ochu.on.ca



Mount Sinai clerical bargaining unit president Fadumo Mobamed speaks to media at rally pushing for wage parity with other GTA hospitals

Bargaining Consultations Begin - Membership Survey coming in January

The contract for CUPE hospital members expires in September 2025 and consultations have begun with meetings with local union leaders about bargaining priorities.

A membership bargaining survey will be distributed beginning January 6, 2025. Please complete it. Bargaining should start in June 2025.



*Nurse Jessica Lyons makes plea to keep safe consumption sites open, at Queen's Park
November 12*

Unions, including OCHU-CUPE and community groups held a media conference on November 12 asking the government to scrap its plans to close safe consumption sites across Ontario.

Despite evidence that safe consumption sites have saved thousands of lives and that crime rates are much lower around them (according to the Toronto Police) the province has announced their closure.

Nurse Jessica Lyons described the fear among persons with addictions as they face the looming closure of the safe consumption sites.

Campaign against privatization of hospital surgeries: Trojan Horse Tour

A Trojan Horse visited 65 communities across Ontario over the last two months protesting the government's plans to privatize cataract, hip and knee surgeries, sponsored by OCHU-CUPE and the Ontario Health Care Coalition. There has been a tremendous amount of media coverage.

OCHU-CUPE will release a report on the impact that the privatization is having on decreasing access to cataract surgery in January. A new report on privatization prepared by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives will be released in March.



OCHU Francophone VP Sue Pinel-Asselin, at a rally against the privatization of hospital surgeries at Montfort Hospital in Ottawa