

## *Ontario Health Coalition*

# Health Action Assembly

2007, 9 am - 4 pm

& Hospitals Committee Meeting - Sunday, November 4, 2007, 9 am - noon

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### **ASSEMBLY: Saturday, November 3, 2007 9 am at St. Vladimir Institute, 675 Spadina Ave. Toronto**

- Now we have a new provincial government, what should our strategy be for the next year?
- Report-ins on key activities and issues from coalitions, partners and supporters across Ontario
- The aggressive campaign to privatize the health system is on the rise:
  - Dr. Brian Day is openly campaigning for private hospitals as the head of the Canadian Medical Association (doctors' lobby group)
  - Charter challenges have been brought against single-tier health care in Alberta and Ontario
  - The federal government just announced its intentions to abrogate responsibility for attaching conditions to federal funding (such as the condition enshrined in the Canada Health Act that provinces must stop extra-billing and ensure single-tier medicare or face clawbacks of funding)
  - There are two-tier clinics and large patient fees springing up across Ontario
- The public is being swayed by a massive PR campaign to convince people that privatization will alleviate pressure on the public system and reduce wait times. How can we reclaim the ground that is being lost? What major new initiatives should we undertake to protect the public system from destruction by privatization and two-tier clinics?
- How should we move forward on our key issues including:
  - long term care minimum care standards, downloading of psychogeriatric patients, building more for-profit beds
  - homecare stopping competitive bidding, building a comprehensive non-profit home support program
  - stopping privatized P3 hospitals
  - protecting local hospital services from restructuring under the LHINs
  - fighting the charter challenge to bring down single-tier medicare in Ontario
  - stopping the two-tier clinics
  - building progressive public options, like Community Health Centres and public-non-profit long term facility and home care

ALL OHC MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS WELCOME. SLIDING SCALE \$0 - \$35 (this helps to cover the costs for bringing in local coalition reps from across Ontario).

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## HOSPITALS COMMITTEE MTNG: Sunday, November 4, 9 am - 12 pm at Metro Hall (corner of John and King Sts.)

This committee is sharing information from community hospitals across Ontario

- our local fights to protect hospital services
- local campaigns for hospital democracy and accountability
- results of our local hospitals tour in small and rural towns

We will be planning our next steps to plan to protect and improve our local hospitals along with "Friends of.." local hospital groups, local health coalitions, representatives of supporting groups and others.

Please contact us at the office directly if you are interested in attending 416-441-2502 (phone), [ohc@sympatico.ca](mailto:ohc@sympatico.ca) (email), 416-441-4073(fax).

Only registered participants at this committee meeting, please. No cost.

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**REGISTER NOW** by sending in this form along with payment to:

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Number of people attending:

Names of additional people attending:

Payment (number of people attending x \$0 - \$35 sliding scale):

Note: the fees allow us to bring in local coalition reps from across Ontario.

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