**CONFERENCE**

**Reforming Long-Term Care Homes in the Public Interest**

Friday October 28 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Bond Place Hotel 65 Dundas St. E.  
Downtown Toronto beside Eaton Ctr. & Yonge-Dundas Sq.

**Presenters include:**

**Dr. Hugh Armstrong**  
Distinguished Research Professor Emeritus of Social Work & Political Economy, Carleton University; contributing author in Reimagining Long-Term Residential Care study.

**Dr. Pat Armstrong**  
Distinguished Research Professor of Sociology, York University; Principal Investigator, “Reimagining Long-Term Residential Care: An International Study of Promising Practices.”

**Sandra Azocar**  
Executive Director, Alberta Friends of Medicare, an organization dedicated to raising public awareness on concerns related to Medicare in Alberta.

**Dan Buchanan**  
Director of Financial Policy, Ontario Association of Non-profit Homes and Services for Seniors (OANHSS) representing providers of quality, not-for-profit long-term care, seniors’ community services and housing.

**Tom Carrothers**  
Chair, Advocacy Committee for the Family Council Network, Region 4, a group composed of family and friends of residents in long-term care working to improve the quality of life for residents.

**Janet Davis**  
Toronto City Councillor. Janet led the campaign to stop Mayor Rob Ford from privatizing Toronto’s public long-term care homes.

**Lois Dent**  
Board Member, Concerned Friends of Ontario Citizens in Care Facilities, an organization dedicated to reform of the long-term care system and improvement of quality of life for residents.

**Maureen Elkin**  
Executive Director, Elder Abuse Ontario, an organization focused on supporting the implementation of the “Ontario Strategy to Combat Elder Abuse” since 2002.

**Carolann Fernandes**  
Member, Hamilton Seniors Advisory Committee and specialist on issues of anti-racism, equity and diversity for seniors.

**Kathia Fortier**  
Ontario Director, Unifor, representing more than 26,000 health care workers, including those in long-term care.

**Ian Johnson**  
Interim Chair, Nova Scotia Health Coalition and active member of the Advocates for the Care of the Elderly (ACE) Team in Halifax.

**Sara Labelle**  
Vice President and Executive Board Member, OPSEU, representing health professionals and care workers in long-term care, home care, mental health, hospitals and community care.

**Andrew Longhurst**  
Research Associate, BC Health Coalition & Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives - BC Office. His research examines health and social policy, seniors’ care, poverty, and labour market restructuring.

**Isobel Mackenzie**  
B.C. Seniors Advocate, watch-dog on seniors’ services in British Columbia, former CEO of largest non-profit seniors’ agency, pioneer of improvements to dementia care.

**Dr. Margaret McGregor**  
Clinical Associate Professor, University of British Columbia, a family physician and researcher, most recently studying staffing levels at BC’s long-term care facilities.

**Natalie Mehra**  
Executive Director, Ontario Health Coalition, dedicated to protecting & improving public health care, the coalition has campaigned for 15-years on improving care standards in and access to long-term care.

**Nancy O'Donnell-Monk**  
Board Member, Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism, an organization that unites Saskatchewan seniors’ organizations to promote a better quality of life for seniors.

**Audra Nixon**  
Chairperson, United Steelworkers & President, District 6 Healthcare Council Executive.

**Stacey Papernick**  
Lead, Nursing Home Sector, Ontario Nurses’ Association representing more than 62,000 nurses in long-term care, home care and hospitals.

**Candace Rennick**  
Secretary-Treasurer, CUPE Ontario, representing more than 60,000 members in Ontario’s long-term care facilities, CCACs and emergency services.

**Dr. John F. Schnelle**  
Director, Vanderbilt Center for Quality Aging and Professor, Vanderbilt School of Medicine. His research has focused on staffing levels needed for improved resident outcomes.

**Mary Schultz**  
Director, Information, Support Services and Education, Alzheimer Society of Canada, an organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for Canadians affected by Alzheimer’s disease, other dementias, and their caregivers.

**Adrienne Silnicki**  
National Coordinator, Canadian Health Coalition, a public advocacy group dedicated to the preservation and improvement of Medicare in Canada.

**Dr. Roger Skinner**  
Regional Supervising Coroner, Office of the Chief Coroner for Ontario (Toronto West Region); Chair, Geriatric and Long-Term Care Review Committee, Office of the Chief Coroner for Ontario. Dr. Skinner has been involved in reviews of deaths and homicides in long-term care homes, and has made recommendations for the Coroner’s office for prevention.

**Judith Wahl, LL.B.**  
Executive Director, Advocacy Centre for the Elderly (ACE), lawyer and advocate for the rights of older adults and in the development of elder law as an area of practice.

**Anna Zachariah**  
Vice Chair, Ontario Society of Senior Citizens’ Organizations. Anna has been active in aiding persons with disabilities and seniors, both in her legal practice and her not-for-profit activities.

**To be confirmed:**  
resident/resident council.

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**Conference Goals**

- To deepen our shared understanding of what is needed to reform long-term care in the public interest.
- To forge a dialogue to include academics, non-profit social and health organizations, resident and family organizations, care workers and their unions, health professionals, advocacy groups & government representatives.

**Full program is at** [www.onariohealthcoalition.ca](http://www.onariohealthcoalition.ca)

**Registration Form**

Please fill in this form and return with cheque to the Ontario Health Coalition at 15 Gervais Drive, Suite 604, Toronto, Ontario M3C 1Y8 tel: 416-441-2502 email: ohc@sympatico.ca (online at www.onariohealthcoalition.ca)

**Name(s)______________________**  
**Organization (if applicable)________________________**  
**City/Town________________________**  
**Postal Code________________________**

**Number of people attending _____ x $100 per person = $______ Please enclose cheque or money order or register on line and pay via pay pal.**
Health Action Assembly & Conference on Health Reform

ASSEMBLY Saturday, October 29
9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Metro Hall Rotunda
$20 - $40 sliding scale per day
Metro Hall, 55 John St., Toronto
(downtown in the theatre district)

Forging a strategy
Reports from member groups and local health coalitions across Ontario on events and activities in their communities.

Discussion and debate on strategy and activities for the coalition for 2017.

Guest Speaker
Dr. Vincent Lam
Author of a biography of Tommy Douglas, Bloodletting and Other Cures and The Flu Pandemic and You, Dr. Lam was an emergency room physician for thirteen years and now works in addictions.

“This is our most important meeting of the year. If we insist that health care and the health of our communities belongs in the public domain then, in keeping with this, we must ourselves adopt processes in which many people bring to bear their perspectives and their wisdom. For our coalition to work, to be effective, to be democratic, we rely upon the engagement and input of our members and supporters. We hope that you will come – and we promise to make it stimulating, interesting, and fun!”

Natalie Mehra
Executive Director

CONFERENCE Sunday, October 30
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Metro Hall Rotunda
$20 - $40 sliding scale per day
Metro Hall, 55 John St., Toronto
(downtown in the theatre district)

Building a vision
Deepening the discussion on a vision for progressive health care reform that embodies the principles of equity, social justice, compassion, democracy and protecting health care for all under the Canada Health Act.

Speakers
Dr. Dan Zuberi
is RBC Chair and Associate Professor of Social Policy at the School of Public Policy and Governance at the University of Toronto. He is the author of “Cleaning Up: How Hospital Outsourcing is Hurting Workers and Endangering Patients.”

André Marin
Professor of Law at the University of Ottawa and former Ontario Ombudsman. Known for his fearless advocacy in the public interest, Marin will speak about what he learned as Ontario Ombudsman.

Marcy Cohen
Author, “Democratizing Public Services”, speaking on democracy and health reform.

To be confirmed:
Dr. Peter Hutton Czapski
GP in rural family medicine practicing in northern Ontario; former chief of-staff Temiskaming General Hospital; regional representative for Society of Rural Physicians of Canada, speaking on rural hospitals and health reform.

Hotel Accommodations
We have reserved a block of hotel rooms at the Bond Place Hotel for both conferences and the Assembly at 65 Dundas St. E. (across from the Eaton Centre downtown). It is a unionized hotel. To get the special OHC rate of $110 per night, call before Tuesday October 4 at 416-362-6061 or 1-800-288-9390 and cite “Ontario Health Coalition rate” or email reservations@bondplace.ca.

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Name______________________ Organization (if applicable)_____________________
Street Address ____________________ City/Town_________________ Postal Code ________
Number of people attending_______ Additional Names of Attendees (if applicable)_____________________

Tel (day)____________________ Tel (evening)____________________ Email_____________________

SATURDAY ASSEMBLY
Number of people attending _______ x $_____ (registration fee $20 - $40 sliding scale) = $_______ Subtotal A

SUNDAY CONFERENCE
Number of people attending _______ x $_____ (registration fee $20 - $40 sliding scale) = $_______ Subtotal B

Subtotal A $________ + Subtotal B $________ = ________ Total

These fees help cover the cost of the venue, speakers and bringing in local health coalitions from across Ontario. Please contact Natalie Mehra at the Ontario Health Coalition to request subsidy. For office use only: ___ confirmation sent ___ pkg sent ___ registered ___ db ___ els ___ lists