

**September, 2007**

**TO: AFFILIATES**

Greetings:

**OFL HEALTH CARE FORUM**  
***Lessons from Britain and why they are important for Ontario***  
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2007**  
**SHERATON CENTRE TORONTO, 123 QUEEN STREET WEST**

On **Saturday, November 24 from noon to 5:00 p.m.**, the OFL is hosting a Health Care Forum at the **Sheraton Centre, 123 Queen Street West, Toronto, Ontario.**

Why should you attend this forum? There are four reasons:

- To hear first-hand about the radical changes to and the introduction of the market into health care in Britain from UNISON, Britain's largest trade union and the leader in the fight against these developments.
- To hear from OFL affiliate representatives who attended the UNISON national conference in April, 2007.
- To hear from OFL affiliates about what is happening in Ontario's health care system. Developments such as the introduction of the market, user fees and access to services and the links to the British experience.
- To use this information to develop strategies (including a resolution to be submitted to the Convention by the OFL Executive Board) to defeat this model of health care and to replace it with a model which will work in the best interests of Ontarians who need services and Ontarians who provide these services.

The registration fee for this event will be \$100.00 which will include lunch. A preliminary agenda is enclosed.

A registration form is enclosed. Please send the completed form together with your cheque payable to "OFL Health Care Forum." **Please note that the deadline for conference registration is November 9, 2007.** We expect space will be limited and registrations will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis.

**Hotel accommodations** for the Forum are at the Sheraton Centre Toronto. Guestroom rates are \$189.00 single/double occupancy per room per night, plus taxes. This convention, we are pleased to let you know that we have secured the services of WE Travel for hotel reservations. Reservations can be done through WE Travel, the official housing agent for the Ontario Federation of Labour. Reservations can be made on-line at [www.wetravel.net](http://www.wetravel.net) <http://www.wetravel.net/> or via telephone Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., toll free at (1.888) 676.7747 or direct at (613) 232.9908.

### **Child Care**

*It is OFL policy that we will provide child care services if more than ten children are registered for this service. **The deadline for the child care registration is November 2, 2007,** as we must make these arrangements separately with the child care provider. We have enclosed a Child Care Registration Form.*

### **Accommodation**

*Accommodation can be provided for delegates with disabilities if advance notice is received. If services are needed, please complete and return the attached **Personal Assistance Request Form by November 2, 2007.***

### **Allergy Alert**

***As is OFL policy, this conference will be scent free to ensure the active involvement of those with chemical sensitivity.***

*Additional information and registration forms may be obtained from the OFL website at [www.ofl.ca](http://www.ofl.ca) or by contacting Sylvia Stewart at (416) 443.7674 or toll free at 1.800.668.9138.*

In solidarity,

### **TERRY DOWNEY**

Executive Vice-President

cc: W. Samuelson, I. Harris  
OFL Executive Board and Council  
OFL Health Care Committee

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Enclosures*

**CHILDCARE REGISTRATION**

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Number of children requiring childcare \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age:\_\_\_\_ Sex:\_\_\_ OHIP# \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age:\_\_\_\_ Sex:\_\_\_ OHIP# \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have any special dietary or medical requirements?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have a nap during the day? \_\_\_\_\_

I would allow my child (children) to participate in an excursion. \_\_\_\_\_

Any special requirements for your child (bottles, diapers, special food) should accompany the child.

Unfortunately, due to prohibitive costs, childcare will **not** be provided if **less than ten (10) children register**. If this happens, you will be contacted by phone.

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**RELEASE FORM [Please print clearly]**

I hereby release the Ontario Federation of Labour from any and all claims for damages to the safety or health of my child, however caused.

Name of Delegate \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Local No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ (w) ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ (h) e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**Please return to:** Sylvia Stewart, OFL, 15 Gervais Dr., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Don Mills, ON, M3C 1Y8 Fax: 416.441.0722.

**REGISTRATION FORM**



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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel.: Work [     ] \_\_\_\_\_ Home [     ] \_\_\_\_\_ Fax [     ] \_\_\_\_\_

Please register the following \_\_\_\_ participant (s).

**PRINT CLEARLY! If you have more names, photocopy before filling in.**

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	TELEPHONE
		[     ]
		[     ]
		[     ]
		[     ]
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Enclosed is a cheque in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$100.00 per delegate) which covers \_\_\_\_\_ delegate(s).

Send this completed form together with your cheque payable to "**OFL Health Care Forum**" no later than **November 9, 2007 to:**

Sylvia Stewart  
Ontario Federation of Labour  
15 Gervais Drive, 2nd Floor  
Don Mills, ON M3C 1Y8  
Tel: 416.443.7674 - Fax: 416.441.0722

If childcare is required, please complete the form enclosed. Photocopy extra forms if needed.

**There will be NO REFUNDS for no-shows.**

# PERSONAL ASSISTANCE REQUEST FORM

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## 1. Nature of Disability

If you consider that you have a disability how would you categorize your condition?

Mobility impairment \_\_\_\_\_ Deaf/Hearing impaired \_\_\_\_\_

Blind/Visually impaired \_\_\_\_\_ Coordination impairment \_\_\_\_\_

Speech impairment \_\_\_\_\_ Non-visible physical \_\_\_\_\_  
impairment

Communications disability \_\_\_\_\_

Other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Personal Assistance

Do you have a guide dog? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you require a personal care attendant to assist you? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

*If yes, will your personal care attendant accompany you to this conference?* Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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**3. Alternative Media**

Resource materials will be available on the OFL Web Page [www.ofl.ca](http://www.ofl.ca).

Will you be using this source? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Will you need resource material in alternative media? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, please specify:

Large Print (preferred font size) \_\_\_\_\_  
Braille \_\_\_\_\_  
Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Interpreter Service**

Requests for the services (sign language) provided by Ontario Interpreter Services must be received no later than November 2, 2007.

**Special Dietary Requirements or Allergies**

Do you have any dietary requirements or allergies that we should make the hotel aware of to assist them in their meal preparation?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, please specify

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**DELEGATE NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

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Sylvia Stewart, OFL, 15 Gervais Dr., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Don Mills, ON, M3C 1Y8  
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**AGENDA**

12:00 p.m.	Registration
	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Welcome – Terry Downey, OFL Executive Vice-President
1:15 p.m.	Introductions
	Irene Harris, OFL Secretary-Treasurer
	The British Experience Karen Jennings, Head of Healthcare Team, UNISON
2:00 p.m.	Impressions from the OFL delegation to the UNISON National Conference April 2007
	Catherine Bowman, OPSEU Marcelle Goldenberg, SEIU Doug Allan/Sue Schmidt, CUPE
2:30 p.m.	Questions & Answers about the British Experience
3:00 p.m.	Break
3:15 p.m.	Developments in the Ontario health care system which draw on the British experience (introduction of the market, user fees and access to services)
	Leadership from OFL affiliates in health care
3:45 p.m.	What are the next steps?
	General discussion
5:00 p.m.	Adjournment