

JAMAICAN CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF NURSES



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ONTARIO HEALTH CARE NEWS



On February 26, 2019 the Ontario government tabled The People's Health Care Act, Bill 74. If passed, Bill 74 will see the creation of a central agency called Ontario Health that will oversee the health care system across the province. This will roll Local Health Integration Networks (LHIN) (which currently manage funds for hospitals, long-term care homes, and community health centres), Cancer Care Ontario, eHealth Ontario, and other government agencies into one organization.

The Bill permits the Minister to designate a person, entity or group of persons that offers three or more services such as, hospital care, primary care, mental health care or addictions, home care or community services, long-term care home, palliative care and other prescribed health care services or non-health service that supports the provision of health care services into Integrated Care Delivery Systems (ICDS). Ontario Health would have the authority to provide funding to (ICDS) and Health Service Providers (HSPs).

Bill 74, if passed, would also enact the Connecting Care Act, 2019. This Act stipulates that any transfer of individuals due to the amalgamation of these services will not be deemed as breach or termination of any employment agreement or collective agreement. If employees are transferred to Ontario Health, their employment would be deemed to continue for all purposes under the same terms and conditions and such transfers are deemed not to constitute a 'change in control.' The Minister of Health Christine Elliott when asked directly if jobs will be lost was unable to state definitively but said that the plan will eventually save money. The aim of Bill 74 is not to privatize the health care system but to provide cohesiveness and to stop the functional silos that currently exist in many health care agencies.



WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR JCAN?

Our planned long-term care facility will fall under the umbrella of a Health Service Provider (HSP). However, with this new Bill, the Minister can request that the facility be integrated to provide more than one coordinated health care service. Additionally, all funding for the facility will be negotiated through Ontario Health (the proposed new agency).

UPDATES!



OUR BOARD SECRETARY JANISE SMITH

As some of you may know, our Board Secretary Janise Smith suffered a stroke in mid-March. She has since shown remarkable and some may say, miraculous improvement. Her journey so far has been a true testament to her strength and determination. We continue to receive updates from her husband Andrew Smith regarding her progress and we will also keep you our members updated. We wish her a speedy recovery as she returns to us a "BIGGER!, BADDER! & BETTER! version of Janise...JANISE 2.0."

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2019

A big thank you to all the members who supported this years' membership drive! A special thank you to Ms. Tiney Beckles and Angella Williamson for adding new members to JCAN at the Membership Drive.

Remember that we have strength in numbers and we all should try to "each one, bring one."



NEW ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

Our new Administrative Secretary is Rebecca Wilson. She is new to Canada from Jamaica where she was Director of Administrative Services at one the top 3 advertising agencies in the country. With over 17 years of experience in the accounting profession, she has found the perfect blend of passion and precision while remaining warm and energetic; this makes her a suitable fit for JCAN. Welcome Rebecca!

Renew your 2019 JCAN Membership by:

1. Completing the online membership form at jcan.me (payment via PayPal or e-Transfer); or
2. Mailing a cheque and completed form addressed to the Jamaican Canadian Association of Nurses, care of **Millie Robb** - 73 Windrush Trail, Scarborough, ON, M1C 3Z9

CONTINUATION OF SUMMER STUDENT PROGRAM

JCAN successfully secured another round of Canada Summer Jobs Funding to support our summer student program. This year we were approved funding for two students. Applicants may send their cover letter and resume to info@JCAN.me. Application deadline, May 5, 2019.

BECOME A JCAN BOARD MEMBER

JCAN is currently in the process of recruiting 2 board members for upcoming vacancies. We are looking for individuals with the following expertise:

1. Financial (i.e. Fundraising, Donations, Sponsorship)
2. Public Relations (i.e. Media, Promotions, Marketing)
3. Community Engagement (i.e. Partnerships, Collaboration)

If you are interested in becoming a JCAN board member, please contact our Treasurer, Millie Robb at 416-284-5368 for additional information.

LONG TERM CARE HOME

One of the goals within JCAN's Five Year Strategic Plan is to establish a Nursing/Retirement home for the Black and South Asian Community. JCAN's executive is currently applying for funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation's Capital Grant, as well as the Community Support, Multiculturalism & Anti-Racism Initiatives Program (CSMARI), introduced to us by MP Gary Anandasangaree.

SAVE THE DATE!

Our 5th Annual Charity Gala:

Saturday, June 15, 2019 at St. Peter and Paul Banquet Hall at 6:00 pm
Tickets are going fast, please contact Hyacinth (416 292-6481) or Millie (416 284-5368) to arrange purchase.