



OCC Fall Newsletter - October 2018

A roundup of news from the Coalition and its' members:

Queen's Park Visit: On Monday, September 24, 2018, Abidah Shamji, MS Society and Joanne Bertrand, OCC Coordinator met with France Gelin, MPP, Nickel Belt and Opposition Health Critic to discuss OCC priorities as outlined in our pre-election In-Depth Brief presented to all political parties earlier this year. Abidah and Joanne were representing the OCC Research & Advocacy Committee. Ms. Gelin expressed her ongoing commitment to supporting caregiver issues. OCC has also offered to meet with other elected officials in government to keep caregiver issues on the agenda.



Left to right: Abidah Shamji, Joanne Bertrand, France Gelin.

New Podcast Series Available: submitted by David Harvey



dementiadialogue.ca is a new website featuring regular podcasts and other resources capturing the day-to-day experiences of people affected by dementia from across Canada. The first **Dementia Dialogue** podcast series: Changing and Adapting to Dementia, has just been released. This series includes candid conversations with people from different walks of life, and how they have come to terms with dementia. It is based on research conducted by the Alzheimer Society of Ontario and research partners and is sponsored by the Centre for Education and Research on Aging and Health at Lakehead University.

www.dementiadialogue.ca

CARP Announces Caregiver Policy: On October 9, 2018, the Canadian Association of Retired Persons (CARP) launched its national policy platform, The FACES of Canada's Seniors. This report can be downloaded by visiting their website at www.carp.ca/faces.

OCC was asked to offer an endorsement of this policy platform which we were pleased to do. In particular, we note that their understanding of the financial stress experienced by many caregivers is very much aligned with this priority concern of OCC members

OCC Member Presents at International Conference: submitted by Jane Teasdale, Mosaic Home Care Services and Community Resource Centres

"In early August 2018, Jane Teasdale presented at the Global IFA (International Federation of Ageing) Conference in Toronto and the title of our presentation was "Introducing an Internationally Recognized Person Centred, Community Integrated Model of Home Care". Jane was also a session chair for the paper session, "Beyond Hospitals – Access to Community Care".

More information can be found on Jane's GTA Café blog

Caregiver Advisory Council Member Report on Patient Advisor Role: submitted by Denyse Lynch

For the past year, Denyse has been one of three patient advisors on the LHIN Central East Steering Committee for Improving Palliative Care. She reports that this has been a 'great experience' and that aside from contributing to the project, she has learned much about our health system, the challenges and opportunities.

Recently, Denyse received some information from the LHIN Project Coordinator on proposed *Caregiver Training & Education* that she thought may be of interest to OCC members. See the link below for more.

<file:///D:/FINAL%20project%20summary%2008-03-18.pdf>

Can you help? submitted by Julie Darnay, Hospice Palliative Care Ontario

The following Patient and Caregiver Declaration of Rights at End-of-Life consultation is being conducted by the Quality Hospice Palliative Care Coalition of Ontario (QHPCCO). This project is the outcome of a recommendation to the QHPCCO in the ***Advancing High-Quality High Value Palliative Care in Ontario – A Declaration of Partnership and Commitment to Action Report (December 2011)***, to develop a **"Patient and Caregiver Declaration of Rights"** that builds on existing legislation. The purpose of this work is to help empower patients and caregivers and embed these commitments in service plans to clarify expectations and accountability for all partners to support informal caregiving and build on existing legislative rights.

Your assistance would be greatly appreciated in helping the QHPCCO to promote and circulate the following consultation survey to all interested stakeholders regarding the draft Patient and Caregiver Declaration of Rights at End of Life.

The QHPCCO is currently seeking broad input and feedback on the draft documents including:

- Patient Commitments to Hospice Palliative and End of Life Care, and
- Caregiver Commitments to Hospice Palliative and End of Life Care

These documents are embedded in the survey link below.

We request your assistance in circulating this information broadly to anyone who may be interested in providing their input and feedback. **We are particularly interested in receiving feedback from patients and caregivers.** We ask that the survey be completed by **Friday, December 14, 2018.**

Here is the link to the survey: https://www.research.net/r/billof_rights

If you have any questions or require assistance completing the survey, please contact the QHPCCO Secretariat at the contact information noted below:

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Congratulations to Saint Elizabeth (SE Health) Celebrating 110 Years of Service!

Saint Elizabeth has been a long-term supporting member of OCC and we are pleased to acknowledge their ongoing commitment to caregiver support in Ontario. We encourage readers to click on the link below to read their impressive **2018 Impact Report**.

<https://sehc.com/SEHC/impact2018/index.html>

Welcome to New OCC Members:

Since our last newsletter, the following individuals have joined OCC:

Frank Palmer, Caregiver, Toronto

Irene McCrae, Caregiver, Kanata

Antonio Bautista, Individual professional, Toronto

Sabby Duthie, Individual professional, Kanata

Some Important Announcements:

Updated Membership Forms will be Requested

As those members who were able to attend our **September 12, 2018 Strategic Refresh** know, OCC is now incorporated as a not-for-profit organization. To formalize the status of each member in the correct category – individual or organization – for the purpose of establishing voting rights, the OCC Steering Committee will be asking everyone to complete an **updated membership form** in the coming weeks. This will prepare us to then send out a call for nominations to the OCC Steering Committee for the next 2-year term on this Committee. The Steering Committee will continue to guide the daily operations of OCC.

Please watch for this form in your email inbox and return it to Joanne Bertrand, OCC **Coordinator** by the date that will be given. Your timely assistance with this will be much appreciated.

Location and Date/Time of Next OCC General Members' Meeting Confirmed

Please note that **Circle of Care** has graciously agreed to host the next OCC General Members' Meeting on **Friday, November 30 – 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** Circle of Care is located at 4211 Yonge Street, Suite #401, Toronto (the closest subway is York Mills). More details will follow.

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