

**OHNIG MEMBERS' VOICES: September 2016 to December 2016**  
**Speaking out for Nursing: Speaking out for Health**

**Occupational Health Nurses Interest Group (OHNIG)**

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**RNAO END Goal 1: Engage with registered nurses and nursing students to stimulate membership and promote the value of belonging to their professional organization.**

OHNIG at the AGM November 19, 2016 agreed to advance recognition of all RNs nursing services with colleagues and students help:

- Engage the public to participate in their future sustainable health care needs
- Advocate "Prevention is Better than the Cure!"
- Utilize the Primary Health Care (PHC) model of delivery health care needs for everyone in all communities
- Approach politicians to advance a more comprehensive future modernize sustainable health care system
- Promote Registered Nurses "new" advocacy role for client's health care by delivering skillful navigation of health care systems "gaps"

**RNAO END Goal 2: RNAO advances the role and image of nurses as members of a vital, knowledge-driven, caring profession, and as significant contributors to health.**

Is it time to educate the public and politicians?

- Registered Nurses career opportunities growing daily delivering "in place" health care
- Politicians to stop doing the "same old" and expect new results? *Albert Einstein*
- Registered Nurses form the greatest number of health providers available to fill health care "gaps"
- Public education campaign on proper use of primary cares and their own self care responsibility
- Gap analysis to identify people falling short of health care needs and set up wellness care system to protect
- Educate the public and politicians the existence of Registered Nurses reconnecting people to continuous and consistent health care

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**RNAO END Goal 3: RNAO speaks out on emerging issues that impact on nurses and the nursing profession, health and health care.**

Members at the November 19 AGM discussed "what you can do"?

- Get Occupational Health Nurses to describe their nursing profiles to be published in a public manual
- Use job description of Occupational Health and Environmental Safety practice to validate new research
- Encourage Ministry of Labour to utilize OH Nurses services in 80,000 companies in Ontario for Healthy Workplaces for Healthy Workers
- Hand to the parliamentarians the written testimonials of Occupational Health Nurses value added nursing care

**RNAO END Goal 4: RNAO influences healthy public policy to positively impact the determinants of health, supporting Medicare and strengthening a publicly funded, not-for-profit health-care system**

Per OHNIG members AGM meeting November 19, 2016 our OHNIG Goals 2017 - "Is it time to look at the whole picture?"

- Do "new" research (CIHI) to show the percentage of Registered Nurses (400,000 Canadian Registered Nurses) working outside the Health Care System?
- Ask political powers to modernize the health care system inclusive of all Registered Nurses expanded nursing scope of practice and full capabilities for wellness care
- Network with all Registered Nurses self-employed, independent practice and business owners and operators
- Interface media using "nursing stories" on the many ways Registered Nurses connect people to the "wellness" care they need
- Recognition that on time, in place and easily found Registered Nursing Care brings wellness to all people
- Educate the public and the politicians at scheduled meetings that Registered Nurses cost effectively deliver a huge diversity of nursing care services in the public and private sectors.

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**OTHER**

Come join the OHNIG Leaders Team! Without additional help OHNIG is limited!  
Contact OHNIG admin@OHNIG.ca

- Discuss how you can volunteer your help
- Read the guidelines for Volunteers on OHNIG web site "Members Services"
- Bring extra hands and new ideas!
- Minimal time is expected from volunteers
- Capitalize on your own learning curve
- Help fellow Registered Nurses in today's changing health care world!
- Maximize your skills by Networking with fellow Registered Nurses who are self employed.