

Communication and Education Fall 2007 Report

Happy fall everyone!

Since our last update we have worked hard to increase our communication and visibility with nurses. The reality at the present is that with the nursing shortage nurses have fewer opportunities to attend meetings and participate in our regional activities.

Since June the executive have made an increased commitment to regularly keep in touch with our members by doing walkabouts twice a month in Women's and Children's and more roadshows to the long term care facilities.

Nurses have welcomed our stewards and executive team as they come around and have taken the opportunity to talk about your concerns, and have received valuable information as well as other goodies. Look for a new pamphlet resource on how to contact your steward team.

During our regional meeting I had a short presentation on the importance of filling in forms. Don't be afraid of the "scary monsters" such as PRF's, incident reports, hazard reports. They are useful tools and are a part of our professional practice. Our special guests are always very welcome, and this time Sharon Saunders came to speak on EIP which is a new program to assist injured members to smooth their way to recovery.

Once again we had members who got on the BUS! We ran another BUS course in September and will be having the last one for the year on November 23rd. If you are interested in understanding more about your rights and the background of the union, would like a chance to talk to a member of our executive and labour relations officer then talk to a steward for more information or simply sign up online.

In October we had our BCNU education department present us a one day course for our fall education. This time the topic was "Capacity for Change." If you were unable to attend and would like a look at the workbook then talk to one of our stewards.

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