

“CHECKING THE PULSE”

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Name	Chapter/IG	Comments
Roya Haghiri-vijeh	Policy & Political Action ENO, Rainbow Nursing IG	<p><u>Toronto Pride Parade</u>-on behalf of Rainbow Nursing IG executive team, invites members to March on Sunday July 3rd in <u>Toronto Pride Parade</u>/meeting at Starbucks at corner of Bloor Street W. and Ted Rogers Way at 1:30 pm-March starts at 2:00 pm; look for the flag!/are opening up March to include family and friends of RNIG members-you do not have to identify as LGBTQ to participate/IG members are dressing up in rainbow paraphernalia in keeping with the rainbow theme to increase visibility vs. focusing on a uniform appearance through t-shirts/John Martin, chair, has secured a booth at the community fair on Pride weekend (July 1)/will issue call for volunteers for table at the booth so please check Facebook page for more information/ also organizing a ‘meet and greet’ for pre/post parade with info also shared on our Facebook/Please like our Facebook page (Rainbow Nursing Interest Group) and follow us on twitter Rainbow Nursing IG @RainbowNursing.</p> <p><u>Census concerns</u>-IG concerned by the lack of inclusivity of LGBTT2SIQQA communities in Canada’s Census 2016/Tim Lenartowych, Judy, Roya and Lynn Anne Mulrooney will work on a letter to Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development, Navdeep Bains/an Action Alert will not be sent at this time as it will not impact the current census but are striving to impact all future Census materials.</p> <p><u>Gender-Confirming surgery</u>-the MOHLTC has made changes to funding criteria that will increase access to gender-confirming surgery in Ontario (also known as sex reassignment surgery). There are implications for NPs, RNs and other health professionals who can be part of the referral process if they have training aligned with standards set by the World Professional Association for Transgender Health. See March 4, 2016 Globe and Mail article authored by Carly Weeks for details. Also, there is an increase support for Trans people post-surgery.</p> <p><u>Research Presentation</u>- RNIG’s other co-chair execute, Dr. Judith MacDonnell, is today presenting her research to Senior VPs from CCACs across the province/ research is Ontario-based Study on In-Home Health</p>

		Care Providers’ Access to LGBTTTQI Specific Education” and also on “Integrating a LGBTQ Focus Into Home Care: Organizational Readiness”.
Rose Galbraith	Policy & Political Action ENO for Correctional Nurses’ IG	-thanks to Home Office for the Policy and Political Action statement : Transforming Ontario Correctional Services- Starting But Not Stopping with Segregation/addresses IG’s advocacy issues of Mental Health, Aboriginal Issues and Segregation/IG members have same Vulnerability issues for end of life care as Mental Health Nurses -have Inmates in terminal health conditions and serious mental health issues/Letter-to-Editor submitted by our Member at Large and printed in Globe and Mail addressing article Re: Report Diagnosis of Poor Health in Canadian Prisons. as well as an article in Ottawa Sun, describing need for Health Care in Corrections to move to Public Health Care System/IG members looking forward to Queen's Park on the Road in the fall in order to raise these issues/IG will be meeting by teleconference in two weeks
Eliabeth Stec	Policy & Political Action ENO, Hamilton chapter	- <u>Hamilton health care roundtable</u> -invitation extended to RNAO to participate in round table on May 13 th with Andrea Horvath to discuss healthcare in Hamilton/focused on present healthcare issues and the importance to champion funding for healthcare within Hamilton/Sriti Mizan, (Hamilton Chapter - Policy and Political Action Associate) and Larissa Gadsby (President of PEDNIG and Hamilton Chapter member) attended the event on behalf of Hamilton chapter and RNAO/with help of Home Office , they articulated 8 key recommendations from Mind the Safety Gap report, in promotion and advocacy for well being of all Ontarians <u>Nursing Week dinner</u> -Three of four MPPs attended Hamilton Chapter Nursing Week Dinner on Friday May 13 th which featured the topic “Making a difference: Interprofessional nurse-led health promotion interventions improve quality of life in community-living older adults”/MPPs Andrea Horvath, Paul Miller and Monique Taylor learned about innovative interprofessional nurse-led interventions and research underway at McMaster, in collaboration with community agencies, seeking to improve access to health care, quality of life and health outcomes for the older population <u>Media-in_March</u> , “Letter to the Editor” was published in the Hamilton Spectator in response to RN replacement in NICU at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Hamilton/Amy Bartholomew (Hamilton Chapter, Political Action Co-Officer) and Carly Whitmore (Hamilton Chapter, Communications

		Associate) with support from the policy and communications departments at Home Office, authored this successful response http://www.thespec.com/opinion-story/6398769-march-21-protecting-dementia-patients-ending-an-anachronism-and-other-letters-to-the-editor/
Sanja Visekruna	Policy & Political Action ENO, Diabetes Nursing IG	-three Executive members of IG had teleconference call with Tim Lenartowych and Shelley to discuss policy engagement opportunities for IG; RN prescribing from a diabetes health care provider perspective is one policy area of interest; Tim has agreed to present on RN prescribing and advocacy at next Executive meeting in the fall; over summer, IG will send a survey to members, asking about priority policy issues and hopes to bring a Resolution reflecting these concerns, to AGM next year
Una Ferguson	Policy & Political Action ENO, Region 10	-“Breakfast with the Politicians” was held on May 13 th at RA Centre in Ottawa and was very successful; representation from three levels of government, including Mayor; received media coverage; change in venue was well-liked
Hilda Swirsky	Board Representative, Region 6	-MPP Kwinter did not attend TYMTW event at Unison Health & Community Services but she did, along with his staff person; this Hub is well integrated and provides great services to community; Region 6 TYMTW Breakfast occurring on Friday, June 17 th with MPP Han Dong; at Free Times Café which is in his riding
Hilary Hall	Policy & Political Action ENO, Region 10	- executive members are drafting questions for MPP Dong for the breakfast on June 17 th
Elizabeth Edwards	President, Quinte chapter	<u>Media Collaboration</u> -Chapter has relationship with Media Arts dept. at Loyalist College and has worked together in past on federal election All Candidates debates for example; was invited to speak to Journalism class on healthcare in Ontario and ended up addressing questions from students on how to get nurses to speak to them; highlighted RAO website and advocacy efforts underway by nurses; will speak to them again in fall and winter <u>Event with ONA</u> -working with Quinte ONA representative on how to work together with students in the nursing program; want to develop a program of activities to get RN students involved starting in the fall
Anne Marie Mohler	Policy & Political Action ENO, Parish Nursing IG	<u>Engagement with MPPs</u> -Anne Marie hosted a luncheon last week with seniors to provide information about Parish Nursing and to celebrate Seniors Month as well-MPP Cheri DiNovo was in attendance for this TYMTW event; IG members attended Region 7 Nursing Week lunch with MPP Peter

		<p>Tabuns, Toronto- Danforth; Parish nurse from Durham Chapter also attended the MPP breakfast at Ontario Shores in Whitby where 4 MPPS attended; in early May, PNIG made a presentation to our Oshawa MP Dr Colin Carrie re the End of life issues in particular "freedom of conscience " issues for nurses; names were mentioned in Parliament and concerns raised in House of Commons\ <u>Nursing Week activities</u>- Mary Lynch worked manning RNAO booth at Lakeridge Health Oshawa during Nursing Week with information and newsletter from PNIG and copies of Durham Chapter newsletter; great attendance at info booth with staff RN's who used to belong to RNAO, now wanting to renew again- 9 total took renewal forms; layoffs in all departments and RN staff being replaced with RPNs forcing RNs to find alternate work in nursing homes, home care or non Union hospitals; young staff especially worried as no malpractice coverage outside of Lakeridge Health Oshawa so concerned about meeting the CNO mandate and thinking of changing careers as a result <u>Other activities</u>- Parish nurse, Region 6, attending community meetings related to proposed men's shelter at Runnymede and St Clair IG members attended CAPNM AGM in Toronto on June 2-5 and had display/booth for parish nursing in Ontario; members in Region 6 working hard on refugee sponsorships-2 families have been sponsored and are due to arrive over the summer; PNIG will hold its AGM in October and the theme of the event will be "Courage to Nurse"/the former moderator of the United Church of Canada will be the guest speaker-is actively involved in social justice issues i.e. truth & reconciliation and climate change/Several parish nurse attended Interchurch Health Ministries (ICHM) AGM and Education event May 14</p>
<p>Carol Maxwell & Paddy Dasno, Debbie Baker</p>	<p>Co-Presidents and Policy and Political Action ENO for Sioux Lookout chapter</p>	<p>- MPP Sarah Campbell to participate in TYMTW event in Sioux Lookout on Wednesday, June 16th/ will tour Dialysis Unit at the hospital and be briefed on challenges facing patients who need to travel a long distance for services and cannot live there to get care as there is lack of affordable housing; will also discuss Mind the Gap report and RN replacement issues locally and regionally; also will discuss the role of the LHIN and accountability to the LHIN</p>
<p>Linda Holm</p>		<p>-five youth in Woodstock have taken their own lives in the last 4 months; estimated 20 more have attempted suicide with reports of a broader suicide</p>

		pact; very serious issue in community
Monica Bovett	Chapter President, South Simcoe Chapter	-Monica is new President of South Simcoe RNAO chapter; reported that PC leader Patrick Brown had TYMTW event at Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre in Barrie on Saturday, May 14 th and policy and political action ENO, Samantha Petkou, was able to attend; provided him with a copy of RNAO's report, " <i>Mind the Safety Gap in Health System Transformation: Re-Claiming The Role of the Registered Nurse</i> ".
Isolde Daiski	Policy & Political Action ENO, International Nursing IG	- attended Region 7 luncheon with MPP Peter Tabuns at Pappas Grill on Saturday, May 14 th
Cathy Graham	Policy & Political Action ENO, Kawartha-Victoria chapter	- <u>TYMTW visit</u> -MPP Jeff Leal visiting Trent University Student Wellness Centre's Student Health Services for TYMTW on June 24/visit organized by Ruth Walker who was involved in submitting Resolution #9 to RNAO's AGM which called on provincial government to provide dedicated funding for at least one full time equivalent Mental Health Nurse on each post-secondary campus in Ontario; number of students accessing mental health services in post-secondary institutions is increasing but funding is not provided by OHIP to cover this <u>Nursing Week event</u> -RN Cathy Crowe was guest speaker at chapter dinner during Nursing Week and she was very inspiring <u>Speaking out on nursing issues</u> -KV executive reached out to Chapter nurses to inform them of the Legislative Committee's work on workplace violence and invited members to consider speaking out about their workplace experiences; feedback to executive indicated that members were cautioned about doing this as it may contravene workplace confidentiality agreements
Nisha Walibhai	President, Halton chapter	-on Saturday, April 30 th , chapter hosted "Laughing Yoga Breakfast" with MPP Eleanor McMahon for TYMTW; CNO from Joseph Brant hospital attended too; had meeting with PC Leader Patrick Brown on April 29 th in Oakville to discuss RNAO priority issues-this was attended by herself and two other chapter members; have done member recruitment for chapter in last several months and are pleased to have three new graduate nurses on executive; on June 23, have arranged an evening to engage new graduate nurses in area
Lhamo Dolkar	Policy and Political Action ENO, Region 7	-on May 11, Region 7's Workplace Liaison in collaboration with ONA, hosted a successful pizza lunch at the Scarborough CCAC Branch and provided an RNAO membership as a door prize; on May 14, Region 7 hosted a Nursing Week Luncheon at Pappas Grill and MPP Tabuns was able

		to briefly participate; on May 16, Juliette's Place had an event that PC Leader Patrick Brown was to attend but was unable to due to traffic accident on Hwy. 401; Region 7 is planning on inviting MPP Gila Martow, Thornhill to their Fall Fair in that community
Trudy Mulder-Hall	Policy and Political Action ENO, Community Health Nurses' Initiatives Group	CHNIG did a webinar on Health Care Consent and Advance Care Planning in Ontario/it will be available on CHNIG's website shortly