

EASTERN ONTARIO WORKERS' HEALTH CLINIC – URGENT ACTION NEEDED

Sister and Brothers,

Please have your clerical staff forward this correspondence electronically to all of your assigned locals for quick and urgent action. Furthermore, it would be appreciated if your clerical staff or yourself were to follow up with each of your locals to ensure they have completed the survey prior to April 2.

As you may be aware the Eastern Ontario Labour Councils (Ottawa & District, Cornwall, Kingston, Lanark District, Renfrew & District and Brockville & District) have been working closely with the Occupational Health Clinics for Ontario Workers (OHCOW) and the Workers Health and Safety Centre (WHSC) over the last year to bring an OHCOW Clinic to Eastern Ontario.

OHCOW's clinics have a unique inter-disciplinary approach including occupational physicians, nurses, hygienists and ergonomists. This means OHCOW can provide workplaces in our region with the full professional expertise required to investigate occupational health conditions and then to work effectively for prevention.

For many years, members have had to travel to Toronto in order to access these services. For a number of years we have been advocating the establishment of such a center in our community to serve eastern Ontario.

In order for this project to be approved we must prove demonstrated need. The WHSC has prepared a "Needs Assessment" survey and it very important that you take the time to complete it. The results will be used to help strengthen our proposal to the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) to ensure our request for funding for an OHCOW clinic in Eastern Ontario is successful.

The survey can be accessed through Survey Monkey by going to www.surveymonkey.com/s/English-survey or www.surveymonkey.com/s/French-survey . We ask that you complete the survey no later than **April 2, 2010**. If you have any questions please contact Debbie Scrivens at 613 232-7866 or debbie@whsc.on.ca.

Solidarity,

Blain Morin

cc. Debbie Scrivens, WHSC

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