

President's Remarks

In March of 2009 we ran articles on Workplace Health and Safety followed in June 2009 with an article on Psychological Harassment. Since that time Executive Director Lee Manning and I have met on separate occasions with the Minister of Health Theresa Oswald, the then Minister of Labour Nancy Allan and the then Deputy Minister of Health Arlene Wilgosh. We have also met with the Leader of the Opposition Party Hugh McFadyen , Health Critic Myrna Driedger and the Leader of the Liberal Party Dr. Jon Gerrard. Follow-up meetings have also included executive council members and MAHCP members at large. Our goal was to raise government awareness of the occupational groups represented



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by MAHCP, to discuss the issue of shortages within the technical/professional/paramedical sector and to discuss the anti-harassment legislation introduced by Liberal MP Dr. Jon Gerrard. Part of our presentation includes a graphic illustration with three possible scenarios showing the various health care professionals a patient might encounter in the course of diagnosis, treatment and on-

going care. This graphic diagram has proved to be very effective in demonstrating the diverse range of health care professionals involved with health care delivery. We had some excellent discussions regarding the legislation in Quebec and Saskatchewan particularly Saskatchewan's clear definition of harassment and the well laid out steps on how to investigate harassment complaints. It is our intent to continue to lobby government and advocate on behalf of MAHCP members specifically on these three topics and issues of the day. I wish you all a most enjoyable summer. Please work, drive and play safe and as always, I look forward to hearing from you. I can be reached at (204) 772-0425 ext. 213 or wendy@mahcp.ca.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wendy".