

MEDICARE WORKS!

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WE CAN'T AFFORD PRIVATE HEALTH CARE

Heart Attack Cost in US Private System:

Intensive care room \$8-12,000/day

Angioplasty \$6-7,000

Defibrillator Implant: \$27-\$35,000

Average Annual Insurance Premium (basic family) \$11,480

*all amounts in US dollars, from US hospital price lists

Cross-Canada Town Hall Meetings

October 18 to December 5, 2006

Ontario Dates & Locations:

Kingston, Wed, Nov 15, 7 - 9 pm, Rm 201 Kingston Hall, Queens University. *Featuring: Tom Kent senior policy aide to Lester B. Pearson, head of Kent Commission on Media Ownership, fellow Queen's University School of Policy Studies; Steven Shrybman, Partner Sack Goldblatt Mitchell - with a public interest law practice defending medicare including intervention in Chaoulli, and the successful Ontario Hydro privatization case; Natalie Mehra, Director Ontario Health Coalition.*

Cornwall, Thurs, Nov 16, 6:30 - 8:30 pm Cornwall Library, 45 Second St. E. *Featuring: Sid Ryan president CUPE Ontario; Natalie Mehra, Director Ontario Health Coalition, others TBA*

Ottawa, Mon, Nov 20, 7 - 9 pm Ottawa Library, 120 Metcalfe St. *Featuring: Steven Shrybman Partner Sack Goldblatt Mitchell - with a public interest law practice defending medicare including intervention in Chaoulli, and the successful Ontario Hydro privatization case; Allan Maslove, Professor of Economics Carleton University; Mike McBane, Coordinator Canadian Health Coalition; Natalie Mehra, Director Ontario Health Coalition.*

Sudbury, Tues, Nov 21, 7 - 9 pm, Finlandia Village Nursing Home, 233 4th Ave. *Featuring: Gerry Loughheed, local business & community leader; Rick Grylls President Mine Mill 598/CAW; Natalie Mehra, Director Ontario Health Coalition.*

Sault Ste. Marie, Wed, Nov 22, 7 - 9 pm, Auditorium, Algoma University *Featuring: Lynn Watson Reeve Echo Bay; Norm Rivard, Asst. Director United Steelworkers; Mike McBane Coordinator Canadian Health Coalition; Natalie Mehra, Director Ontario Health Coalition.*

Thunder Bay, Thurs, Nov 23, 7 - 9 pm, Public Library Auditorium, 285 Red River Road. *Featuring: Alvin Fiddler, Deputy Grand Chief Nishnawbe Aski First Nation; Norm Rivard, Asst. Director United Steelworkers; Mike McBane, Coordinator Canadian Health Coalition; Natalie Mehra, Director Ontario Health Coalition.*

Peterborough, Thurs, Nov 23, 7 - 9 pm, Evinrude Centre, 911 Monaghan Rd. *featuring: Cathy Graham Lecturer Trent-Fleming School of Nursing; Eduardo Sousa Council of Canadians; Dr. Michael Rachlis policy analyst and author.*

Kenora, Sat, Nov 25, 11:30 am - 2:30 pm, Rotary Meeting Rm, Recreational Centre, 200 5th St. South *featuring: Ralf Mosher, retired Engineer, Kenora & District Coalition of Seniors; Rory McMillan, City Councillor; Colin Wasacase, retired City Councillor, Mike McBane, Coordinator Canadian Health Coalition; Natalie Mehra, Director Ontario Health Coalition.*

Souix Lookout Nishnawbe-Gamik Friendship Centre, 52 King St. *Featuring: Dr. Claudette Chase, Canadian Doctors for Medicare; Laura Wynn, Director Nishnawbe-Gamik Friendship Centre; Mike McBane, Coordinator Canadian Health Coalition; Natalie Mehra, Director Ontario Health Coalition.*

Brantford, Mon, Nov 27, 7 - 9 pm, Polish Alliance Hall, 126 Albion St. *Featuring: Dr. Gordon Guyatt Medical Reform Group, Professor McMaster University; Richard Carpenter, City Councillor; Eduardo Sousa Council of Canadians.*

St. Catharines, Tues, Nov 28, 7 - 9 pm, Russell Avenue Community Centre, 108 Russell Ave. *Featuring Eduardo Sousa, Council of Canadians, others TBC*

Parry Sound, Tues, Nov 28, 7 - 9 pm, West Parry Sound District Museum, 17 George St. *Featuring: Dora Jeffries, Co chair Ontario Health Coalition and Natalie Mehra, Director Ontario Health Coalition, others TBC*

London, Wed, Nov 29, 7 - 9 pm, Legion, Br. 263, 499 Hill St. *Featuring: Maude Barlow, National Chairperson Council of Canadians; Nancy McMurphy CAW National Executive; Natalie Mehra, Director Ontario Health Coalition.*

Kitchener, Thurs, Nov 30, 7 - 9 pm, Kitchener Public Library, 85 Queen St. N. *featuring: Maude Barlow National Chairperson Council of Canadians; Paul Moist, National President CUPE; Natalie Mehra, Director Ontario Health Coalition*

Toronto, Fri, Dec 1, 7 - 9 pm, St. Andrew's Church, 73 Simcoe St. *featuring: Maude Barlow National Chairperson Council of Canadians; Naomi Klein journalist & author; Ana Gladys El Salvadorean Solidarity; Natalie Mehra, Director Ontario Health Coalition. (\$20 per ticket.)*

Hamilton, Mon, Dec 4, 7 - 9 pm, Lakelands Centre, 180 Van Wagner's Beach Rd. *featuring Linda Haslam Stroud, President Ontario Nurses' Association; Rolf Gerstenberger, President USWA local 1000A; Dr PJ Devereaux, Natalie Mehra, Director Ontario Health Coalition*

Scarborough, Tues, Dec 5, 5 - 8 pm, Malvern Library, 30 Sewells Rd. *featuring: Paul Moist, National President CUPE; Natalie Mehra, Director Ontario Health Coalition, others TBA*

Across Canada:

New Brunswick

Saint John, Wed, Oct 18

Newfoundland & Labrador

St. John's, Thurs, Oct 19

PEI

Charlottetown, Tues, Oct 24

Nova Scotia

Halifax, Wed, Oct 25

Shelburne, Thurs, Oct 26

Quebec

TBA

Manitoba

Winnipeg, Monday, Nov 6

Saskatchewan

Saskatoon, Friday, Nov 17

Alberta

Edmonton, Mon, Oct 20

Red Deer, Tues, Oct 31

Calgary, Wed, Nov 1

Lethbridge, Thurs, Nov 2

BC

Vancouver, Wed, Nov 15

Courtenay/Comox, Thurs, Nov 16

Port Alberni, Fri, Nov 17

NWT

Yellowknife, Sat, Nov 4

Yukon

Whitehorse, Sat, Nov 18

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