

Local 239 Elections
Joint Health and Safety Committee Positions – Candidate Information

Candidate Name: Christina Chevrette Wolsey

Position Nominated for: Chair of Joint Health and Safety

1. Why do you want this role?

I want to serve as Chair of the Joint Health and Safety Committee because I believe every HSN employee deserves a safe and healthy work environment. I understand the realities and demands of healthcare work and the importance of ensuring staff concerns are heard, taken seriously, and translated into meaningful action. My goal is to represent employees across all departments and professions, addressing the full spectrum of workplace health and safety concerns, including physical hazards, psychological health and safety, workplace violence, and harassment. I want to help strengthen the committee's effectiveness and support practical improvements that make a meaningful difference for staff.

2. What makes you the best candidate for this role?

Having served as an active and engaged member of the JHSC for over a year, I bring firsthand knowledge of the committee's work and a demonstrated commitment to workplace safety. I have supported numerous workplace safety concerns, including those involving workplace violence and harassment. I am a strong advocate for employees and value the opportunity to collaborate with diverse union representatives and organizational leaders to address concerns constructively and identify meaningful solutions. My frontline healthcare experience and familiarity with the teams and working environments at HSN's main site further inform my understanding of the challenges employees face. As Chair, I would bring a collaborative, inclusive, and action-oriented approach focused on ensuring all employees are represented and concerns receive appropriate attention and follow-through.

3. What experience, knowledge, or skills would you bring to the table?

I bring extensive frontline healthcare experience, including my work with the Behavioural Escalation Support Team (BEST) and an existing committee member of the Joint Health and Safety Committee at the main site (JHSC), both roles supported by my professional background as an MSW, RSW, and RP. Working on BEST has provided firsthand experience with workplace risks, behavioural escalation, violence prevention, de-escalation, and the challenges of working in high-pressure clinical environments. My work on JHSC has allowed me to collaborate with multiple union representatives and organizational leadership to identify concerns, develop practical solutions, and support meaningful follow-through. My professional background has strengthened my skills in communication, conflict resolution, collaborative problem-solving, and navigating complex situations. I am a strong advocate.

I would bring a practical understanding of healthcare workplaces, a commitment to both physical and psychological health and safety, and the leadership skills needed to help ensure employee concerns are heard, appropriately addressed, and translated into meaningful action.