

**ONA - PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY  
WORKLOAD REPORT FORM**

**SECTION 1: GENERAL INFORMATION**

Name(s) Of Employee(s) Reporting: (Please Print)

**Rose 1, Rose 2, Ross 3.**

Employer: Pleasant Place Unit/Area/Program: Long term care Behaviour unit.

Date of Occurrence: 00/00/2006 Time: 1430  7.5 hr. shift  11.25 hr. shift  
Day/Month/Year

Name of Supervisor: Jesse Smith Date/Time Submitted: 00/00/2006

**SECTION 2: DETAILS OF OCCURRENCE**

Provide a concise summary of the occurrence: **Short 1 RN & RPNs had not been bumped up to cover. Short two 8 hour HCAs leaving 2 units (4<sup>th</sup> & 5B) short and no coverage for serving on 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**No time to do MDCs, care plans or supervise properly on all villas. Watclimate alarmed but staff not aware. Alarm also needs to be off on 3<sup>rd</sup> as well as door.**

Check one: Is this an isolated incident?  An ongoing problem?  (Check one)

**SECTION 3: WORKING CONDITIONS**

In order to effectively resolve workload issues, please provide details about the working conditions **at the time of occurrence** by providing the following information:

<b># Regular Staff:</b>	RN	<u>4</u>	RPN	<u>4</u>	Unit Clerk	<u>3</u>	Service Support	<u>5</u>
<b># Actual Staff:</b>	RN	<u>3</u>	RPN	<u>4</u>	Unit Clerk	<u>3</u>	Service Support	<u>3</u>
<b>Agency/Registry RN</b>	Yes	<u>    </u>	No	<u>    </u>	How many?	<u>    </u>		
<b>Junior Staff*</b>	Yes	<u>    </u>	No	<u>    </u>	How many?	<u>    </u>		
<b>RN Staff Overtime:</b>	Yes	<u>    </u>	No	<u>    </u>	If yes, how many staff?	<u>    </u>	Total Hours	<u>    </u>

*\*as defined by your unit/area/program.*

If there was a shortage of staff at the time of the occurrence (including support staff), please check one or all of the following that apply:

Absence/Emergency Leave

Sick Call(s)

Vacancies

**SECTION 4: PATIENT CARE FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO THE OCCURRENCE**

Please check off the factor(s) you believe contributed to the workload issue:

Change in patient acuity. Provide details: palliative residents, treatments taking 1 or more hours to do by RN, unstable blood pressure on resident on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor requiring RN assessment

Shortage of beds Patient census at time of occurrence \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Admissions \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Discharges \_\_\_\_\_

Lack of equipment/malfunctioning equipment. Please specify: Pagers not working now x 3 days, back door not locking at the required time of 1440.

Visitors/Family Members

Non-Nursing Duties: (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Other: (Please specify) RNs required to feed on units short of the HCAs, needed too assist with feeding in the dining room, no time to do care plans

**SECTION 5: REMEDY**

(A) At the time the workload issue occurred, did you discuss the issue within the unit/area/program?

Yes  No

Provide Details: RNs spoke with the DRC about coverage.

Was it resolved? Yes No

(B) Failing resolution at the time of the occurrence, did you seek assistance from the person designated by the employer as having responsibility for timely resolution of workload issues? Yes  No

Provide Details: As above

Was it resolved? Yes No  to be discussed at the next labour management meeting

(C) Did you discuss the issue with your manager (or designate) on her/his next working day?

Yes  No Provide details:

Discussed options to prevent this from occurring in the future and if it should happen in the future what are the priority work issues to be completed

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Was it resolved? Yes No

**SECTION 6: RECOMMENDATIONS**

Please check-off one or all of the areas below you believe should be addressed in order to prevent similar occurrences:

- Inservice                       Orientation                       Review nurse/patient ratio
- Change unit lay-out    Float/casual pool       Review policies & procedures
- Change Start/Stop times of shift(s). Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_
- Review Workload Measurement Statistics
- Perform Workload Measurement Audit
- Adjust RN staffing     Adjust support staffing
- Replace sick calls
- Equipment (Please specify) Fix the equipment immediately
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 7: MANAGEMENT COMMENTS**

Please provide any information/comments in response to this report, including any actions taken to remedy the situation, where applicable.

**No comments**

Management Signature Signed Jesse Smith Date: 00/03/06

**SECTION 8: EMPLOYEE SIGNATURES**

I/We do not believe the response adequately addresses our concerns. I/We therefore request these concerns be forwarded to the Employer-Association Committee in accordance with the collective agreement.

Signature Rose 1, Rose 2 Phone No. 000-000-0000

Signature: Ross 3 Phone No. 000-000-0000

Date Submitted: 00/00/2006

Copies: (1) Manager/ Chief Nursing Officer (or designate) (2) ONA Rep (3) RN (4) LRO

## ONA PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY - WORKLOAD REPORT FORM GUIDELINES AND TIPS ON ITS USE

The parties have agreed that patient care is enhanced if concerns relating to professional practice, patient acuity, fluctuating workloads and fluctuating staffing are resolved in a timely and effective manner. The Collective Agreement provides a problem solving process for nurses to address concerns relative to patient care. This report form provides a tool for documentation to facilitate discussion and to promote a problem-solving approach.

**THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE PROBLEM SOLVING PROCESS AS OUTLINED IN THE COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT. PRIOR TO SUBMITTING THE WORKLOAD REPORT FORM, PLEASE FOLLOW ALL STEPS AS OUTLINED IN THE COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT.**

### **STEPS IN PROBLEM SOLVING PROCESS**

- 1) **At the time the workload issue occurs**, discuss the matter within the Unit/Area/Program to develop strategies to meet patient care needs using current resources. If necessary, using established lines of communication, seek immediate assistance from an individual identified by the Employer (e.g. team leader/charge nurse/co-ordinator/supervisor) who has responsibility for timely resolution of workload issues.
- 2) Failing resolution of the workload issue at the time of the occurrence, discuss the issue with your Manager (or designate) on the Manager's or designate's next working day.
- 3) If no satisfactory resolution is reached during steps (1) and (2) above, then you may submit a professional responsibility workload report form to the Employer-Association Committee within fifteen (15) calendar days of the alleged improper assignment. (SEE BLANK REPORT FORM ATTACHED TO THESE GUIDELINES.)
- 4) As per the Collective Agreement, the Employer-Association Committee shall hear and attempt to resolve the complaint to the satisfaction of both parties.
- 5) If the issue is not resolved at the meeting in (4) above, the form may be forwarded to an independent assessment committee within the requisite number of days of the meeting in (4) above, as outlined in your Collective Agreement.
- 6) The Association and the Employer may mutually agree to extend the time limits for referral of the complaint at any stage of the complaint procedure.

### **TIPS FOR COMPLETING THE FORM**

- 1) Review the form before completing it so you have an idea of what kind of information is required.
- 2) Print legibly and firmly as you are making multiple copies.
- 3) Use complete words as much as possible. Avoid abbreviations.
- 4) As much as possible, you should report only facts about which you have first-hand knowledge. If you use second-hand or hearsay information, identify the source if permission is granted.
- 5) Identify the CNO standards of practice/policies and procedures you feel you were unable to meet.
- 6) Do not, under any circumstances, identify patients/residents.