

**“Our partnership with the Public Services Health & Safety Association allows for JHSC training that is focused on the health & safety issues that our hospitals see. It is relevant training and PSHSA knows how to connect with our JHSC members to keep them engaged.”**

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PSHSA sat down with Steve to discuss what makes a good JHSC and how PSHSA has built a successful partnership with Hamilton Health Sciences:

**Q:** How long have you worked with the Public Services Health and Safety Association as your Health and Safety training partner? How is it a good fit?

**A:** Hamilton Health Sciences (HHS) originally worked with OSACH in the early 2000s and have enlisted JHSC Certification training services of PSHSA since 2012. The service that PSHSA provides is excellent. A highly valued characteristic of the training is that it is delivered from PSHSA staff who have relevant health care experience and are able to connect with our members. We continue to hear from our members how in tune their staff are to our environment and are able to share relevant examples. It creates a great learning atmosphere.

**Q:** What is important for a good JHSC training program? How does PSHSA deliver?

**A:** PSHSA's certification program provides all JHSC members with a clear understanding of the OHSA, including how they fit in supporting the organization's health and safety program and ways they can make an impact in supporting workers' concerns. The different methods used to deliver the training keeps the members interested and engaged.

**Q:** What are emerging health and safety issues that the JHSC are faced with and how does PSHSA assist?

**A:** As PSHSA is funded by the Ministry of Labour, they are consistently involved in discussions related to emerging health & safety issues and implementation plans of new legislation. Within the training sessions offered to us, PSHSA staff provide opportunities for us to discuss and better understand new issues that workers are raising to our Committee members. Through these discussions, our members gain tools to better assist them in identifying health and safety issues and methods to support our workers.

**Q:** What sets PSHSA apart from other training vendors? How can we do better?

**A:** PSHSA's knowledge of health care settings and focused training geared to our challenges is the difference for us. They tailor the training to include our practices and processes which greatly helps everyone understand their role. Our members immediately are engaged in the training offered as PSHSA staff have practical experience within our settings which provides insight to the challenges our hospitals see.