Hi Executive Committee:

I am looking at the conference call documents that have been posted on the website.  After reading Martha Foster’s note and Bill’s reference in his report to the shortage of doctors, I thought I would share with you a report I have just finished preparing for the health committee of the National Pensioners’ Federation. The report deals with the delivery of primary health care in Canada.The NPF executive has accepted the report and will bring it to the AGM for support in Halifax next week. The president of NPF has directed that the report be sent to politicians on  the NPF distribution list.  So, it is now public; and I can share it with you. I am attaching it below.

True to my usual verbosity, the report is long (very long) but there is an executive summary on page 3, and a table contents on page 2 that will take you to sections on problems in primary care delivery related to the shortage of doctors.  The pertinent sections are “access to care” and “seniors’ access to care”. These are the sections that might be worth looking at:  (section **2.1** and Recommendations on page 7 and page 9) , (section **3.0**, and  Recommendations page 9),  (section **4.1** with Recommendations on page 10) ) and a section on “primary care providers” (**8.0** withRecommendations on pages 19 & 20)

Possibly the information in the report and the recommendations will give us a start in addressing the issue and replying to Martha and the Association mentioned in Bill’s report.

(In any case, this report begins to fulfill one of our 2017-18 priorities — working on common issues with like-minded organizations.)

Talk soon!

JoAnn