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## **NWSEO Member Jonathan Racy in Need of Medical Leave Donations You Can Help with the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program**

(October 19, 2012) NWSEO Members have always been generous with annual leave donations for co-workers in need. This is a tremendous gift to those who may soon exhaust or who have exhausted their leave due to medical issues.

**SPC Lead Forecaster, Jonathan Racy** (NWSEO member and former SPC Branch Steward) is about to enter the Leave Transfer program due to his metastasized/stage-4 cancer.

He will be entering the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program in early December 2012. His sick leave has been exhausted and he is using his annual leave now. The VLTP program office has said that his office can start accepting leave donation forms now and when Jon's leave balance is zero the leave donation forms can be sent to the VLTP Office with his package.

If you are interested in participating in this with Jon, you may complete the 630A Form at this link:

[http://www.opm.gov/Forms/pdf\\_fill/opm630a.pdf](http://www.opm.gov/Forms/pdf_fill/opm630a.pdf)

Please make sure the form is signed by you and that Jonathan Racy is named as the recipient and then submit it to your ASA.

Jonathan shared his health update with co-workers in an email linked here.

[http://nwseo.org/Four%20Winds%202012/12\\_10\\_12\\_JonathanRacy\\_Email.pdf](http://nwseo.org/Four%20Winds%202012/12_10_12_JonathanRacy_Email.pdf)

### **Other NWSEO members in need of donated leave include:**

**Lindsay Tardif-Huber** from the WFO Bismark, ND is also in need of donated leave for a medical condition.

**Debbie Winston in Cheyenne, Wyoming** is on medical leave and in need of leave donations for a medical condition.

**Here are a few facts about donated medical leave and the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program that you might find beneficial if you are considering donating leave or if you are in need of donated leave time:**

OPM regulates that only annual leave may be donated. You cannot donate sick leave.

Leave donors can specify a member of the Leave Donor Program whom they'd like to receive their donated leave time by completing form complete form OPM-630A .

[http://www.opm.gov/FORMS/PDF\\_FILL/opm630a.pdf](http://www.opm.gov/FORMS/PDF_FILL/opm630a.pdf)

Any leave that is not used is returned back to the donor.

A person does not have to wait until their leave is exhausted before applying to be a recipient of the Leave Transfer Program. They must present medical documentation showing they anticipate that they will be on unpaid status for at least 24 hours.

Before a person can accept any donated leave, they must complete the required paperwork, have it processed, and receive notification that they are accepted as a recipient of the Leave Transfer Program. It can take two weeks to process the paperwork, so applicants should apply as soon as they realize the condition is expected to exhaust their leave.

Department of Commerce leave rules come straight from OPM. There are no agency specific rules.

If you would like to learn more about the Leave Transfer Program, including a full list of participants, [http://www.wfm.noaa.gov/policies/leavedonor\\_info.html](http://www.wfm.noaa.gov/policies/leavedonor_info.html) .

If you know of an NWSEO member in need of a medical leave donation and would like us to inform members on the NWSEO.org website, please have them contact NWSEO at [mediarelations@nwseo.org](mailto:mediarelations@nwseo.org).

NWSEO thanks you for your generosity and care!

For additional information, please visit:

[http://hr.commerce.gov/Practitioners/CompensationAndLeave/DEV01\\_006149](http://hr.commerce.gov/Practitioners/CompensationAndLeave/DEV01_006149)

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