Kronos Scheduling

As you may know, Kronos scheduling is going live in almost every hospital department. If you are not up on Kronos scheduling yet, it will be arriving to your department soon. The employer is working to make sure that all of your requests off and vacation dates, transfer. It’s important that nurses are proactive in making sure all dates have transferred over properly. Check your schedules! Should a concern arise, check with your scheduling person. If your concern isn’t resolved, talk with your unit representative to see if they are able to help.

Would Like to Assist Your Fellow Nurses?

Each of the Samaritan Hospitals needs more unit representatives. Would you like to assist your fellow nurses during investigative meetings, helping a nurse find contract language, and learn how to use your contract? A 1-day training class is being planned in the fall 2015.

If you have questions or are interested in being a unit representative, talk to your local leadership or you may contact your labor relations representative Christine Hauck at Hauck@oregonrn.org.

Nurse Staffing Bill Wins Final Vote!

For more than two years, ONA members have been working to improve Oregon’s Hospital Nurse Staffing Law. ONA is happy to announce that together we have succeeded. On June 25, the Oregon House of Representatives cast the deciding vote on ONA’s Nurse Staffing Bill (SB 469), successfully passing the bill and sending it to the Governor to be signed into law.

We never could have passed this important legislation without your help and the help of nurses throughout Oregon who contacted their legislators, traveled to Salem to testify on the bill and attended ONA’s Nurse Lobby Day to show their support for staffing improvements. Thank you!

ONA’s Nurse Staffing Bill (SB 469) makes important changes to Oregon’s Hospital Nurse Staffing Law to ensure that nurse staffing committees have the final say in hospital’s staffing plans, increase state-run staffing investigations and audits, increase transparency, establish reasonable limits on mandatory overtime, and create a mediation process for staffing committees to resolve impasses, among other changes.

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Bargaining Unit Meetings

Lebanon Community Hospital
July 13, 2015
1700 - 1800 Officers Meeting
1800 - 2000 — Meet your new Labor Director
Please check conference room schedule

Pacific Communities Hospital
August 3, 2015
1430 - 1730 in Conference Room A
Agenda: Send agenda items to Chesley Parker by July 24, 2015

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Click here to learn how the bill improves Oregon’s Staffing Law OR go to: http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.oregonrn.org/resource/resmgr/Docs/ONA_ONSL_Frame_2015.pdf. Click here to thank the many legislators who voted in favor of staffing improvements or go to https://actionnetwork.org/letters/share-your-staffing-stories

While the bill still needs to be signed into law and go through a rule-making process before being implemented, this is a major victory for nurses and patients in hospitals statewide.

Congratulations!

Who Can Attend

This conference is specifically for ONA Professional Union Members who are either currently in leadership positions (BU executive team, PNCC members, Staffing Committee members) or those who are interested in taking a more active role in their bargaining unit. ONA Student Affiliate Members are also welcome to attend.

Continuing Education

This program is pending approval by Oregon Nurses Association, CEARP # 301.06.2015 for continuing nursing education contact hours. ONA is an accredited provider approved by Cal BRN, Provider #15089.

Schedule- Click here for a tentative schedule of the day. A more detailed schedule and agenda will be posted and provided to attendees before the event.

Registration

Registration will open Friday, June 26 at noon and will close on Friday, Sept. 11 at 4 p.m.

Hotel/Lodging

ONA has a block of rooms reserved for those attendees who are traveling over 100 miles to attend the conference.

Click here to reserve your room at Holiday Inn Portland South/Wilsonville

If you have questions or want to know if you qualify for a room, please contact Linda Sidney at sidney@oregonrn.org or by phone at (503) 293-0011 ext 319.

Go to: www.OregonRN.org and click on News and Events for more information

Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us for the 2015 Annual ONA Bargaining Unit Leadership Conference this fall. This year’s leadership conference, "Powering Up: Challenges and Opportunities,” will be Friday, Sept. 18, 2015, at the Holiday Inn in Wilsonville. We are excited to present a day of educational sessions focused on strengthening our bargaining units and honing collective bargaining skills, positioning ONA and nurses to be ready for future challenges and to capitalize on opportunities as they arise.

Friday, September 18, 2015
Holiday Inn Portland South
in Wilsonville, OR

Please check conference room schedule