Nurses of Columbia Memorial Hospital to picket

WHAT: Nurses and supporters will hold an informational picket to raise public awareness of the difficulties they are facing in reaching a fair contract with Columbia Memorial Hospital (CMH).

WHEN: Tuesday, August 20, 2019
Picketing from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Rally at 5:00 p.m.

WHERE: Sidewalks of Exchange St and Highway 30
Surrounding Columbia Memorial Hospital
211 Exchange St, Astoria

WHO: Nurses employed by Columbia Memorial Hospital
Rally speakers scheduled:
- Nicholas Bowling, PACU nurse at CMH
- Lynda Pond, president of Oregon Nurses Association
- Rob Nosse, Oregon State Representative District 42

WHY: Nurses at CMH have been working without a contract since May 31. Multiple negotiation sessions, including two with a federal mediator have yet to produce a fair contract. Their priorities include:
- Safe staffing levels
- Economic stability through consistent scheduling
- Recruitment and retention of skilled nurses

CMH is one of the most profitable hospitals in Oregon and is running an operating margin of nearly 12 percent. Having a healthy reserve is necessary but not at the expense of patients and nurses. Now is the time to take action to ensure a strong health care facility for everyone.

About the Oregon Nurses Association

The Oregon Nurses Association (ONA) is the state’s largest and most influential nursing organization. It is a professional association and labor union which represents nearly 15,000 nurses across the state. ONA’s mission is to advocate for nursing, quality health care and healthy communities. For more information visit www.OregonRN.org.

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