MEMBER MEETING NOVEMBER 13!

We will meet to discuss issues, including your concerns about issues AND suggestions for negotiations, on November 13, 2013.

1130-1330 Community Room
1600-1800 Ochoco Room

Refreshments will be provided.
Congratulations to your new officers!

Paragon Issues
St Charles is working to improve numerous issues with Paragon, including the slowness of the system, and medication issues.

Let’s discuss your concerns at our meeting November 13.

District 14 is now Constituent Association 14

Joe Sack has notified ONA of the election results for officers for our former District 14, which is now Constituent Association 14. CA 14 is a regional organization that includes all nurses from all three St Charles bargaining units.

The officers are:
Mary Pyke (PMH), President
Katy Lloyd (Redmond), VP
Angie Streeter (Bend), Secretary
Matt Jones (Bend), Treasurer

Board Members at large are:
Amber Loredo (Redmond)
Heather Sehgal (PMH)
Flu Season is Here, Time to Get Vaccinated!

The Oregon Nurses Association (ONA) believes that all nurses and other health care workers should be vaccinated against seasonal influenza. Vaccination is a key method of protecting health care workers from influenza and helping to prevent the spread of influenza among patients and the public.

ONA encourages nurses to be vaccinated and is working to provide education to Oregon’s nursing professionals and student nurses and assist them in making informed choices about receiving annual influenza vaccines.

However, ONA opposes requiring influenza vaccinations of nurses and other health care workers as a condition of employment. Rather, education and access to vaccinations, when combined with other methods to prevent influenza transmission, are sufficient and effective in protecting patients and workers.

You can learn more about ONA’s position on seasonal influenza vaccination for health care workers, and find resources from the Centers for Disease Control, the American Nurses Association and the state of Oregon regarding the upcoming flu season at ONA’s Flu Resource Center on the front page of the ONA website, www.OregonRN.org

Value-Based Nurse Staffing Conference
with a Nurse Staffing Law Half-Day Pre-Conference
November 14-15, 2013 in Bend, Oregon

Nurses think about nurse staffing at the beginning and sometimes at the end of a work/practice day. There is debate about optimal numbers, lengths of shift, regulation/laws, and new approaches. What is known is that sufficient/safe nurse staffing is one of the most important aspects of nursing care valued by patients and their families. The 2013 Oregon Nurse Staffing Collaborative “Value-Based Nurse Staffing Conference” explores various aspects of achieving value in nurse staffing.

More information and registration can be found at www.OregonRN.org