Memorandum of Understanding
Between
Oregon Health & Science University
And
Oregon Nurses Association

The Oregon Nurses Association {hereafter "Association"} and the Oregon Health & Science University (hereafter "Employer") hereby enter into the following Memorandum of Understanding in response to staffing concerns presented by the COVID-19 virus.

Expansion of CNI:
CNI shall be increased to $35 per hour and expanded to Resource Nurses as stipulated.

I. Resource Nurses shall receive CNI for CNI designated shifts worked beyond their scheduled Minimum Required Shifts (MRS).
II. All Nurses shall receive $35 per hour for CNI designated shifts starting February 14, 2022.
III. All bargaining unit nurses are eligible to work additional shifts in units/depts. outside their home unit as long as they are qualified and able to take an independent assignment. Per the CBA, “qualified” means that the nurse possesses the requirements and has demonstrated the knowledge, skills and abilities to perform the essential functions as defined in the position description and unit specific addendum.
IV. Per the CBA, the rest of the CNI related articles apply, inclusive of 10.11.2 and 10.11.3, except for that Resource Nurses are eligible as stated in I. of this MOU.

Non-bargaining unit nurses. Nurses not represented by Association may perform work traditionally performed by Association-represented nurses for the duration of this Agreement, as long as such non – bargaining unit nurses do not replace or cause the curtailment/cancellation of bargaining unit nurses. Posted shift vacancies that have not been filled by bargaining unit nurses within 24 hours of the shift start time may then be offered to non-bargaining unit nurses. Immediate shift needs shall be offered first to bargaining unit nurses before soliciting others.

Support for Mental Health of Nurses: The Employer and Association agree that the mental health of nurses is a high priority and will be provided extra support due to the pandemic. To that end the Employer offers the following resources:

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   a. The Spark Employee Assistance Program (EAP) offers 24/7 crisis counseling, as well as 3 free counseling sessions with a provider in the MODA PPO-network and the employee can continue with the same provider with only a $10 co-pay per session. Additionally, counselors are available who identify as BIPOC and offer treatment for race-based trauma/stress.
b. OHSU Adult Outpatient Psychiatric Clinic provides consultation, neuropsychological testing for a wide range of mental health conditions. Referral is needed from the Employee’s Primary Care by calling 503.494.6176.

c. Psychological resilience group sessions facilitated by a Psychologist(s) on coping with stress, supporting team members, discussing challenges as well as signs of growth and meaning during this difficult time. Resilience building workshops with some experiential exercises and discussion will also be offered to larger groups of employees. These sessions will be paid at the nurse’s hourly rate of pay up to 2 hours.

d. Additional Wellness Resources available on the O2: https://o2.ohsu.edu/student-central/health-wellness/prevention/wellness-resources.cfm
   https://o2.ohsu.edu/covid-19/wellness/wellness-resources.cfm

e. At the nurse’s request management and/or HR Business Partner will discuss these resources.

II. Wellness Days. Following the expiration of this MOU meaning after March 13, 2022 nurses will be able to request two wellness days by December 31, 2022. Nurses will be able to use their sick/vacation/comp time to cover the time off. These days will need to be prescheduled and approved by the manager.

a. If the schedule is already posted it will be a shared responsibility of the manager and the nurse to obtain coverage for these requests. It is understood that it is not the nurse’s responsibility to fill all schedule vacancies on the unit during the period requested off. Prior to obtaining coverage, the nurse must review his/her request with the manager or designee (in person, via email, or through Employer’s timekeeping system) to determine whether operational needs would be satisfied (subject to the limits above) if the request were approved. Schedule adjustments resulting from such requests may not lead to overtime. Upon agreement by the manager, the employee may seek to obtain coverage either by trading shifts with another nurse or by recruiting a part-time nurse or a resource nurse to pick up additional shift(s). The manager may also choose to approve time off without requiring the employee to obtain coverage.

Duration of Agreement. The Employer and Association are committed to the following agreement through March 13, 2022 with the exception of the Wellness Days which will expire December 31, 2022. The Employer and Association may mutually agree to extend this MOU in full. For the duration of this agreement the Employer and the Association wishes to maintain open communication as previously agreed to problem solve as issues arise.

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