ARTICLE X – TASK FORCE

A. The parties assert their mutual commitment to quality patient care. In a joint effort to ensure optimal patient care and maintain professional standards, a task force shall be established to examine practice, staffing and payroll issues, notices and updates, ~~Medical Center~~ **Hospital** workplace process improvement, and other business. Agendas will be developed jointly along with an annual calendar schedule. **The meetings will be scheduled so as not to conflict with routine duty requirements.**

B. The Union shall appoint two ~~(2)~~ members to the task force from the bargaining unit. The Union may choose to have the Labor Representative ~~or their designee~~ attend Task Force meetings in addition to the two appointed members.

C. The ~~Medical Center~~ **Hospital** shall appoint two ~~(2)~~ members to the task force. The ~~Medical Center~~ **Hospital** may choose to have **Human Resources** ~~Counsel or their designee~~ attend Task Force meetings in addition to the two appointed members.

D. Either party may invite ~~Medical Center~~ **Hospital caregivers who are** experts or ~~individuals with~~ **possess** specialized knowledge of an issue before the Task Force to give testimony or provide information relevant to any Task Force agenda item. **Such witnesses will have no more than 10 minutes to present their testimony, unless the parties mutually agree to extend their time. Neither party shall bring more than one witness to share information, unless mutually agreed otherwise. The parties will inform each other of the names and topics of their witnesses in advance of the meeting so that such information may be included on the agenda.**

E. The task force shall meet at least once (1) per quarter, or as otherwise agreed to by the ~~Medical Center~~ **Hospital** and the Union, to accomplish its assignment. The Task Force meeting should typically last 90 minutes; however, management

and tech members may agree to extend meetings or have additional meetings as needed. Techs appointed to the Task Force will attend Task Force meetings on paid time.

F. The minutes and information **identified as confidential and furnished** by the ~~Medical Center~~ **Hospital** to the Union and its task force members in connection with the functioning of the task force **will be kept confidential and** may **only** be disclosed to other persons ~~only~~ by mutual agreement of the ~~Medical Center~~ **Hospital** and the Union.