Hello ONA Members at Providence Milwaukie Hospital:

We want to update you on your Bargaining Team’s effort to launch negotiations for our contract with Providence Health System, which governs wages and working conditions at Providence Milwaukie Hospital.

Management initially failed to respond to our notice to negotiate the contract. They have since committed to begin negotiations with your union sometime in March. Our bargaining team includes rank-and-file nurses representing every cluster in the house:

- Chair/Resource: Peggy Elia
- Emergency: Marie Teela
- Senior Psych: Emmy Grasser
- Surgical: Julie Davison
- Med Surg: Sara Bea
- Critical Care: Penny Collyer

While we prepare for negotiations at Milwaukie, ONA Providence nurses are already making bold demands during intense negotiations with Providence at St. Vincent’s, Willamette Falls, and Hood River. Our bargaining table remains our forum to make proposals directly to Providence, but we also understand that our ability to improve standards in our contract has a lot to do with the outcome of negotiations with Providence at hospitals already in bargaining.

To that end, it remains in our strong interest to mobilize and attend the recently announced informational picket against Providence Oregon, scheduled for March 15 at St. Vincent’s Medical Center. An informational picket is meant to show our employer that we mean business. Now is our chance to bring Providence up to market on wages, healthcare, paid time, staffing, and safety. The company made billions during the pandemic, all while Providence Milwaukie nurses toil under sub-standard working conditions and wages far below that of nurses down the way at Kaiser and OHSU.

Hundreds of ONA Providence nurses from across the metro area have RSVP’d to attend the picket. Will you join us? Click here to RSVP.