Thank you to everyone who filled out our Oregon Nurses Association (ONA) bargaining team’s recent mid-negotiation survey. The survey has given our team clear direction on how to respond to the Samaritan Albany General Hospital (SAGH) administration team’s proposal for cutting nurses during low census. Your feedback helps us understand exactly what the bargaining unit as a whole will support. Thank you for sharing your concerns, and we also appreciate all of the supportive comments.

On June 8, 2017, our ONA bargaining team met with the SAGH administration team for another round of negotiation. Both sides have placed all proposals on the table and are currently reviewing each proposal. The administration team has proposed a 17 month contract, while our ONA team has proposed a two year agreement. We also received a proposal from

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administration regarding surgical services call back. The administration team has proposed that when nurses in surgical services split their call for any reason, neither nurse would receive the three-hour minimum during their call back hours, and the nurses would only be paid one-and-one-half (1 1/2) the on-call rate for all hours worked. While this proposal is specific to surgical services, the possible outcome is that this will eventually affect all nurses. Your team is asking for your input on the administration team’s proposal regarding call in surgical services. Please let us know your thoughts. The SAGH administration team cancelled our June 13 negotiation session due to not having a quorum of their team members available. In lieu of this cancelled session, our ONA team will have a working session on June 13. Our next negotiation sessions with the administration team are scheduled for June 26 and 27.

We will also be holding a bargaining unit meeting during the week of June 19—watch your email for the exact date and time! Please attend this important meeting. We need to hear your input on key proposals.

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