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On Sept. 26, 2017, our Oregon Nurses Association (ONA) bargaining team and the Samaritan Albany General Hospital (SAGH) administration team met with a federal mediator. Our team spent most of the morning bringing the federal mediator up to speed and refining our last outstanding proposals.

However, despite hours of mediation, by the end of the day SAGH administration had not moved on any of our proposals. Our bargaining team, who were elected by our membership, has made the decision to plan an informational picket on Oct. 9 (see below for more details). Our team is hopeful that our next mediation session with SAGH administration on Oct. 2 will be more fruitful.

Thanks to all the nurses who participated in the successful “welcome wagon” before our Sept. 21 mediation session! It was great to see so many of our nurses and their families lining both sides of the hall outside the mediation rooms. Our bargaining team thanks you for your support!

Informational Picket
7-9 a.m. and 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 9

On Oct. 9, nurses and ONA bargaining team members will hold an informational picket on the corner of SW 6th Avenue and SW Elm Street. An informational picket is NOT a strike. During a picket, nurses continue to work their scheduled shifts, but walk the picket line on breaks and their days off. A picket line is held on public property, and nurses and our supporters hold signs and provide information to the general public.

In the healthcare industry, unions are required to provide the employer with 10 days’ notice before holding an informational picket.
Earlier this month, Diane Clarke, RN, and Karina Vinson, RN, delivered petitions with over 430 signatures in support of a fair contract for nurses to SAGH administration. The petitions, signed by nurses and community members, show that our community supports a fair contract that protects all of our nurses and all of our patients.

Thank you, Diane and Karina, for helping nurses at SAGH deliver this strong statement of unity!

Sign-Making Party!
Thursday, Oct. 5
11 a.m.-3 p.m.
American Legion Hall
1215 Pacific Boulevard SE
Albany, OR 97321

Show your support for nurses by making signs for our informational picket. Materials and light snacks will be provided. Family and friends are welcome!

ONA Strategic Planning Survey
Help Create a Common Vision for Our Future

Right now, ONA is beginning a multi-step process to create a strategic plan that will guide our organization over the next 3-5 years. This process will be member-led and member-driven, so we need your help and guidance along the way. One of the most important things you can do to help is to complete your ONA strategic planning survey as soon as possible.

Your opinions will determine which policies and programs ONA prioritizes now and in the future. With your help, we can create a plan that meets all members’ needs.

Completing your survey takes less than 10 minutes.

To learn more about the ONA Strategic Planning Process and to complete the survey, visit:

www.OregonRN.org/2017ONASurvey