Sacred Heart Update – April 14, 2023

PeaceHealth requested an emergency meeting this morning with ONA to provide notice of their intent to close an additional 27 beds between University District and Riverbend. This will effectively close 8 Medical for an anticipated 90-120 days and result in roughly 90 total closed beds between the two campuses. PeaceHealth shared that this is a result of a system directive to reduce traveler costs. They will be canceling and/or not renewing the contracts of 36 FTE travelers.

We are, of course, extremely concerned about the impacts that this will have on all of our nurses across both campuses and the devastating impacts that this will have on our community.

We have issued a demand to bargain on the impacts that this directive will have on our members. We are shocked and dismayed by the actions of PeaceHealth system and these budget-driven decisions. This demand to bargain may result in the delay of our current contract negotiations. We are tentatively planning to use the afternoon of April 20 to begin impact bargaining. Please join us if you are able. We will be meeting in 200ALL from approximately 1-5 p.m. You can also join via Zoom.

We assume that you will be as concerned as we are about this decision and encourage you to share your concerns with your ONA team and PH executives. They need to hear from you about how this will impact the safety of our community.

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