Meet Our New Executive Committee

We’d like to introduce our newly elected ONA/Oregon Health & Science University Hillsboro (OHSU-H) Executive Committee:

- **Chair:** Chris Peterson (ED)
- **Vice-Chair:** Meagan Jensen (WCC)
- **Secretary/Treasurer:** Terri Kaiser (TOPS)
- **Grievance Chair:** Jayesh Palshikar (Med/Surg)
- **Membership Chair:** Bobbi Childers (Resource)
- **PNCC Chair:** Dawn Eszterhas (PCU)

We’re excited to be working together to ensure staff and our patients are treated with dignity and respect and that our rights as union nurses are being upheld. If you have any questions or issues you would like to address, please reach out to a member of the executive committee or a steward. We are in this together!

COVID Safety

Our first order of business as the newly elected ONAOHSU-H Executive Committee is securing a COVID safety agreement between ONA and OHSU Hillsboro. Unfortunately, the hospital chose to let our original COVID agreement expire, claiming they wanted to work on concerns on a case by case basis. Since our agreement expired, we have seen an increase in the number of staff that have contracted COVID and have been made aware of several concerning incidents surrounding COVID safety measures that indicate a hospital-wide pattern of disregard for staff, patient, and community safety.

We met with management and were close to coming to an agreement that prioritized paid administrative leave, floating language that avoids disproportionate exposure to COVID, and a commitment to notify staff of exposures. However, it has been over two weeks without management providing the return to work and staff exposure criteria currently in use at OHSU-H.

Our voices will not be dismissed! We have delivered a petition (see page 2) to management with over a majority of ONA nurses signing urging them to come to an agreement with us. We hope management does the right thing and commits to prioritizing the health and safety of staff, our patients and the community.

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Nurses United for Staff, Patient, & Community Safety

COVID-19 Safety MOU Petition

We, the caregivers of OHSU Hillsboro/Tuality, are on the front lines responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. As nurses, we always rise to challenges, and as union members, we need to be more unified than ever. OHSU Hillsboro’s response to COVID-19 has been insufficient and has put us and our patients at risk of infection. We continue to come to work and care for patients because that is our responsibility. OHSU Hillsboro has the responsibility to provide us and our patients with the best possible protection, support, and safe working conditions.

We, the undersigned, are demanding the following actions from OHSU Hillsboro to provide us with a safe working environment so we can continue to come to work and provide quality, safe patient care to our community:

- **COVID-19 Response Labor Pool:** If a labor pool is re-created, ONA represented nurses and the Hospital will commit to a mutually beneficial solution to such creation
- **Notice and Communication:** Provide notice within 7 days of caring for a patient who was not confirmed but is later confirmed to have COVID-19 whether internally or externally
- **Quarantine and Leave Time:** Provide paid administrative leave for staff that has been quarantined due to potential COVID-19 exposures until cleared to return to work. Establish a moratorium on maximum annual PLH accrued.
- **Floating:** Agree to safe patient care assignments for staff to avoid disproportionate exposure to COVID-19

We are united together in solidarity!

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To make sure that you stay involved and up to date with ONA activities, click here for the Tuality ONA Group on Facebook and request to join today! We will verify that you are an ONA member at OHSU-H and approve the request!