**Printed Contracts Are Coming!**

Your ONA elected nurse leaders and ONA staff rep will be on site to hand out contracts during shift change on:

**Tuesday, Sept. 27**

6:30 – 8 a.m. & 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Drop-in and ask any questions, share concerns, and pick up a contract! Location to be announced.

**Newly Hired to Unity?**

If you are "new" (since the start of the pandemic) to Unity we may have missed the opportunity to welcome you to our union, ONA!

We haven't been able to hold new employee orientations in person but are offering a quick virtual orientation via Zoom.

If you are new and have not had this opportunity, please contact us right away so we can get you all of the welcome information, paperwork and link to a Zoom ONA NEO meeting! For membership questions contact ONA by email: MemberServices@OregonRN.org (503) 293-0011 or contact your labor rep Jaime Newman directly via email, Newman@OregonRN.org or phone, at (503) 293-0011 ext. 1331.

You can also drop by when we are onsite handing out contracts.

We look forward to meeting our new folks!

**Staffing Request & Documentation Forms**

Since 1997, ONA has provided a means by which staff nurses could report when nurse staffing on their unit/shift is insufficient and/or unsafe.

The report is part of the ethical obligation of nurses to report when provision of "safe patient care" is, at the least, not supported or at the most, impossible. When a nurse on a shift is faced with staffing which is imminently or potentially unsafe according to the various causes of unsafe staffing, it is intended that the nurse:

- Notify someone in the chain of command, ask for additional staff, and ask for a response in a reasonable period of time, e.g., minutes, hours.
- Following this, the nurse assumes the patient care load as assigned, asking for help as needed. At the
end of the shift, or within 48 hours, the nurse completes the SRDF, files it with the nurse manager, PNCC and ONA. The data on the SRDF is converted to statistics, and reports are generated. Upon completion, the nurse will receive an email with a final copy of the completed SRDF form.

The nurse should then forward the form and file it with:

1. Their nurse manager.
2. The facility-wide staffing committee co-chair or representative.
3. The facility’s PNCC chair (if applicable).
4. Their unit-based staffing committee (if applicable).
5. If you do not know your staffing committee co-chair or PNCC chair, or you need assistance filling out the SRDF, please contact ONA at Practice@OregonRN.org.

These reports are not confidential and may be disclosed by ONA and its staff. This may include providing copies of your report to the Oregon Health Authority, staffing committee members, to hospital administration, in testimony at legislative hearings, in briefings of legislators or regulators who are involved in this work and to others who ONA deems appropriate.

Go to www.OregonRN.org/SRDF to fill out the online form.

2022 NPO Education Conference
Sept. 29 - Oct. 1, 2022 in Hood River, OR

The Nurse Practitioners of Oregon education committee is excited to announce the NPO Annual Education Conference will be held in Hood River, Sept. 29 - Oct. 1, 2022. This year’s conference will focus on celebrating our nursing profession and will feature three primary tracks (but not limited to) of Psych/Mental Health, Pediatrics, and Primary Care.

The conference is designed to support the professional practice and learning needs of nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, advanced practice nurses, physician assistants and other interested health care providers by providing a variety of evidence-based educational topics.

Continuing Education
Learners can earn up to 21.5 nursing continuing professional development contact hours, which includes pharmacotherapeutic contact hours TBD.

Oregon Nurses Association is accredited as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation.

Registration
For 3-day registration, the fees are:
- ONA/NPO Members: $495
- Non-members: $795
- NP Students: $275

Single or two-day pricing is also available.

Registration is open through Sept. 23. Register early to ensure you can reserve a room at the host hotel at the special conference discount! Learn more about the conference and register at:

www.NPOOregon.org