

SUN NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE

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Seniors leaders of the Saskatchewan Union of Nurses (SUN), the Ministry of Health, and Regional Health Authorities met April 22-24, 2014, to discuss the renewal of a partnership agreement.

A number of important items were productively discussed, including patient and health provider safety, improvement processes, improved communications, respectful workplace cultures, pending labour legislation impact and partnership governance.

The Parties listened to both concerns and suggestions on a number of issues and found common ground to work towards potential shared solutions.

The Parties acknowledge the potential of a renewal of the Tripartite Partnership with talks scheduled to resume during the week of May 12, 2014.

SUN's team remains committed to achieving progress on key member priorities. However, the proclamation of *The Saskatchewan Employment Act* today signals a period of great uncertainty and the very real potential for labour relations instability in healthcare. Unfortunately, SUN's major concerns with the new legislation and its impact on registered nurses has not been mitigated in the accompanying regulations.

These concerns have been raised with the Ministry and regional health authorities and further discussions are required to find a satisfactory resolution to this and other outstanding issues in relation to a renewed Tripartite Partnership Agreement.