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SUN NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE

SAHO and SUN Reach Tentative Agreement

The Saskatchewan Association of Health Organizations Inc. (SAHO) and the Saskatchewan Union of Nurses (SUN) have signed a memorandum of agreement on a tentative four-year collective bargaining agreement.

Your Negotiations Committee believes we have secured a tentative agreement that not only begins to address your concerns around workload and patient safety, but also underscores the importance of the legislated role of registered nurses.

The incredible show of strength and solidarity demonstrated last week during our Special Membership Meetings was fundamental in securing a tentative agreement that respects the legislated role of the registered nurse. Your participation was invaluable in getting our important patient safety message out and heard.

Furthermore, in this tentative agreement we have made achievements in having employers recognize and respect the legislated role and professional judgement of registered nurses in making urgent, real-time staffing decisions based on patient needs. As was echoed last week, securing this language and recognizing the essential role of the registered nurse, is fundamental in providing safe patient care.

Details concerning the tentative agreement will be communicated to members throughout the ratification process; please watch for further information concerning membership meetings and a ratification vote in the days ahead.

Your Negotiations Committee

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