Registered Nurses Brave the Wind and Cold to Recruit More Staff

After months of staffing committee meeting with Administration regarding high census and acuity in the hospital, RNs decided to hold a press conference/job fair to recruit for 116 vacancies. As the census grows, RNs are caring for one patient after another, a constant stream without rest breaks. “It is well-proven that higher staffing always leads to a higher level of patient care.” said Christina Constantine, RN Cardiac/Neurology Unit. With the goal of filling the vacancies, nurses showed up during their day off and lunch breaks to assist the many talented applicants complete their application online. RN Jessica Shields, Progressive Care Unit noted, “In nursing, we look at optimal care as a team. We believe all positions are vital to the care of patients.”

Negotiating Team Finalized Bargaining Goals In Tampa

With contract talks opening on April 7th and 8th, the Negotiating Team (Christina Constantine, Cardiac/Neurology; Jessica Shields, PCU; and Karen Wildberger, SDS) met in Tampa along with 18 other HCA-affiliated facilities to finalize bargaining goals. (see photos below). The Leadership Counsel members are distributing buttons and asking nurses to endorse and support of the bargaining goals.

Add Your Name – Endorse RN Goals

Upcoming Meetings

Professional Practice Committee
Thursday, March 5 from 9am-10am
Cafeteria Classroom

General Membership Meeting
Thursday, February 26, noon-2pm and 12am-2pm
Cafeteria Right

Staffing Committee Meeting
February 26, 9am-10am
Classroom B