

UAN RNs to HCMC: Start Hearing Nurses!



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UAN delegates from around the country joined Minnesota Nurses Association members and nurses at the Hennepin County Medical Center (HCMC) to let the county government know nurses have the right to organize. Nurses at HCMC are seeking a union with MNA through a card check agreement. The county, which is undergoing changes in its governance structure, has put off a scheduled pay raise to HCMC nurses—an excellent example of why nurses need a voice at the bargaining table.

UAN President Cheryl Johnson, RN, brought one message to HCMC managers when she spoke at the rally: “When you don’t pay attention to nurses, patients are at risk. It’s that simple. You claim to know best what nurses need to care for patients. You do not. The nurses do.”

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DATES

Sept. 19-23 Labor Leader
Institute (Seattle, WA)
March 15 Action Day
(Washington, DC)
March 16-17 2005 NLA/5th
Anniversary (Washington, DC)

WINNERS

Congratulations to the 650 Akron General Medical Center nurses, represented by ONA, who won a new three-year contract with wage increases of 3 percent per year and better health benefits after 11 days on the picket line...

MNA nurses at Borgess (MI) Medical Center approved a three-year agreement that includes improvements in control over work schedule and overtime pay, while Michigan nurses at Marquette General Hospital won an innovative “snow-bird” clause in their new three-year contract that allows senior nurses to take lengthy leaves in the winter but return with the same seniority level.

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