

Friday, October 6th, we met until almost midnight. The County gave us an economic proposal at 6:30 pm and we worked hard to come up with a non-binding counter proposal that addresses both wages and health insurance for the General Unit. The Nurse's Unit tentatively agreed to Article 9, Hours of Work and we are waiting for management's proposal regarding scheduling before they discuss wages and benefits.

The Board of County Commissioners have scheduled another executive session for Tuesday, October 10.

Another mediation session has been scheduled for Thursday, October 12, 2017.

We have some incredible staff from Council 75 – Oregon AFSCME and the AFSCME International office to help us with all the necessary organizing and coordinating. With their assistance we are able to hold a couple of different lunch time meetings on the same day.

We are having a sack lunch meeting on Tuesday, October 10 at Public Works, Goodson Room from 12:00-1:30pm. This meeting is open to all members that would like to attend.

Youth Services employees will have a sack lunch meeting on Tuesday, October 10 from 12:00-1:30pm.

There will be a lunch time meeting at the Abby's Pizza next to Riverstone on Thursday, October 12 from 12:00-1:30pm for the Riverstone Clinic and others in the Springfield area.

Trillium will have a sack lunch meeting from 12:00-1:30pm on Thursday, October 12 from 12:00-1:30pm.

If other departments or locations would like to schedule a meeting with some of our organizers, please let me know. We will also consider more open house meetings at the AFSCME office in the evenings next week.

The Communication Team Leaders are very helpful with getting our communication out and assisting in answering your questions. The bargaining team is also available to answer any questions and address rumors. Please keep all comments and questions about strike off the County email system and use your personal email address when communicating about the possible strike.

In solidarity,
Bargaining Teams:

General Unit: LaRece Rivera, CA; Pat Dotson, HHS; Brad Carpenter, TS; Lori Green, PW; Nick Alviani, HHS; Connie Perry, HHS (Alternate)

Nurses Unit: LaRece Rivera, CA; Pat Dotson, HHS; Christine Yonkers, HHS – CHC; Jenny Young, HHS-CHC; Charity Aguirre, HHS- CHC;