

Our safety comes first

Correctional health care workers face job dangers that our colleagues can only imagine. Add to that outdated equipment and old facilities and it's a recipe for workplace injuries.

So it should have come as no surprise when we discovered that Santa Rita has a workplace injury rate of almost 20 percent of the workforce. Safety and security on the job is an issue that we must address in upcoming negotiations and beyond.

Our bargaining team is researching this issue and looking for model contract language. Got any thoughts or ideas you'd like to share? Contact Jan Gilbrecht, or a member of the team with your ideas.

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We're ready to bargain!

Based on responses to our survey, our bargaining team has been meeting to prepare and review final proposals for a new contract. We're ready to go, and Corizon management has offered dates for a first session at the beginning of May. The sessions will be held at Santa Rita. As soon as we have a date and time finalized for a first meeting we will get the word out to everyone.

Here are the people we have elected to represent us in negotiations for a

Santa Rita:

Delora Aldana, Day Shift
Roger Apolinario, Night Shift
Cora Beltran, Evening Shift
Zeny Gutman, Day Shift
Maggie Innocencio, Day Shift
Angela Patriarca, Day Shift
Maria Sadri, Day Shift
Martha Welty, Day Shift

Glenn Dyer:

Due to injuries and family concerns, Dexter Pamintuan and Kim Tovar have pulled back from participating in negotiations at this time. We are seeking new team members from the Glenn Dyer facility. Please contact NUHW Organizer Jan Gilbrecht if you would like to represent Glenn Dyer at the bargaining table.

April 29 meeting with management over med cart issues and other pressing problems

While preparing for bargaining we've also been working to solve important issues that have come up. The loss of a med cart for pill call on the upper tiers is major problem that has many people up in arms. Management's patchwork solution to the former practice of dragging a cart upstairs has caused potentially dangerous delays, unsafe conditions, and raised the threat of possible medication errors.

In addition, we are still having problems with vacation docking and other attempts to impose the point system here in Alameda County. We will try to schedule the meeting around shift change so that as many people as possible can participate, but in any case we will report back to everyone about what happens there.

Please contact Jan Gilbrecht if you would like to participate in the April 29 meeting.