

BANKRUPTCY AND BARGAINING UPDATE

On April 17, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court approved the KPC Group's bid to purchase Verity's four remaining hospitals including Seton Medical Center and Seton Coastsides. The court's approval sets in motion a transition to new ownership over several months.

During this phase of the process, California Attorney General Xavier Becerra will review KPC's proposal to ensure that Seton and Coastsides continue as acute care hospitals, offering the community high quality patient care in seismically safe facilities. Notably, KPC has asked the court to phase out oncology services.

Under the terms of the bankruptcy, Verity is permitted to bargain over the current contract. KPC will work through Verity to provide NUHW their proposal on our current contract. Bankruptcy law requires NUHW to negotiate in good faith over the terms of their proposal. Since February, our members have been preparing, electing a good part of their bargaining team.

The Bargaining Committee will have its first planning meeting on Thursday, June 27, at 4 P.M. at Seton.

Bargaining is scheduled to start on Monday and Tuesday, July 8 and 9.

BARGAINING COMMITTEE

The bargaining team has a core membership from the following departments:

Respiratory Leads and Alternates

Suad Husary	Marjan Adalat
Rosalie Zamora	Eduardo Castellon
Teri Klumis	

Radiology

Lucy Wing	Juan Pedroza
Sara Mohammed	

Admitting/Clerical/PBX

DeeAnn Doodie	Melanie Tinio
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Patient Care Services

Amiame Fanaika	Helen Johns
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Coastsides

Nina Ordonez	Martiza Franco
Caridad Hathcock	

Departments that are not represented in bargaining:

Dietary	Or/Central Services
Housekeeping	Pharmacy