

NUHW-KPC/SGM UPDATE

This week, Verity sent us letters about the WARN Act. What’s going on?

Earlier this year, Verity agreed to sell Seton Medical Center, Seton Coastside and two hospitals in Los Angeles to Strategic Global Management (SGM), KPC’s parent corporation, for \$610 million. SGM is a hospital chain headquartered in Southern California. As part of the agreement, SGM/KPC committed to offer jobs to “substantially all” of Verity’s current employees.

The sale is expected to take place in October. On August 29 and 30, California’s Attorney General will conduct hearings at our hospitals to gather public input on the proposed sale before deciding what legal conditions should be attached to the deal in order to protect the public interest.

So why is Verity sending WARN Act letters to us?

Verity is complying with the law, which requires it provide 60 calendar-day advance notification of changes in employment status of Seton workers. By sending workers letters about the WARN Act, Verity is attempting to comply with both federal and state law.

What’s the status of NUHW’s negotiations with SGM?

So far, our elected Bargaining Committee has held two negotiating sessions with SGM/KPC as we work to negotiate a new union contract that’ll take effect when SGM takes over our hospitals in October. Our Bargaining Committee has asked SGM/KPC to maintain all of our current benefits and working conditions while SGM/KPC has proposed deep cuts to our health and retirement benefits, which we are strongly opposed to. Currently, our negotiations are focused on our health and retirement benefits.

ATTEND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL’S HEARINGS ON OUR HOSPITALS:

Thursday, August 29 at 10 A.M.
Colma Community Center
1520 Hillside Blvd., Colma

Friday, August 30 at 10 A.M.
Mavericks Event Center
107 Broadway, Half Moon Bay

ATTEND OUR NEXT NEGOTIATIONS - DATES/TIMES TBD.

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