

# VICTORY AT THE BOARD!

**NEXT  
BARGAINING  
SESSION**  
Thursday,  
April 21  
3-6PM



Breana Karbeling, RN, giving public comment in front of the Board of Supervisors

For the last seven months, we've been asking the Sheriff's Office for stronger oversight and enforcement of Wellpath – and on April 5, the County Board of Supervisors approved a new contract that includes all of the accountability language we called for.

What the new contract does:

- **More transparency:** Wellpath has to send staffing reports to the Sheriff's Office each month, comparing actual staff hours with contracted staff hours. These reports will be public, and we can monitor them, too.
- **More staff:** Wellpath added over 12 new full-time equivalent positions. This includes Juvenile Mental Health, which Wellpath is taking over from the County, and JBCT. We know recruitment has been slow, so we'll have to hold them accountable if they don't fill these new positions.
- **Penalties:** Wellpath has to pay the County back for the cost of staff-hours that it doesn't actually provide.

The contract still isn't perfect, but the Board of Supervisors was clear: Wellpath is expected to hold up their end of the deal with the County, and if they don't, there will be consequences.

This wouldn't have happened if NUHW members hadn't spoken up about the staffing crisis we've been in, which threatens our licenses, our ability to do our jobs, and the safety of our patient. We deserve better – and our patients deserve better.



## Join us at bargaining!

## THURSDAY, APRIL 21 - 3PM TO 6PM

Watch for emails and text messages with info to join the Zoom meeting.

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