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for OPEIU Local 8 members at Sea Mar Community Health Centers

Bargaining Update

We returned to the bargaining table Friday, April 14, 2023. We are disappointed and frustrated that management did not change their wage proposal. While they are willing to work with us on some issues, they are holding on economics.

Our bargaining team continues to advocate for us at the bargaining table by raising concerns about safety, high turnover, and toxic work environments.

Our voices are what moves management at the bargaining table. Our petition is the best way to make our voices heard.

We return to the bargaining table Friday April 21, 2023. Bargaining team member Rose Kelly has resigned. Thank you, Rose, for serving on the team!

[Sign the petition](#) to show Sea Mar that we are united.

A message from Bargaining Team member Amber Braaten, MA, Aberdeen:

“Sea Mar has not responded with any movement on our wages. The income deficits that are affecting our workers are real and no one working a full-time job at Sea Mar should have to worry about paying their bills and feeding their families. We will no longer accept no movement in the cost-of-living wage and our annual wages, This is unacceptable! It is time to stand up for what we deserve, we are keeping these doors open and doing the important work every day with our clients and patients. We deserve to be compensated appropriately and not dismissed. Union Members this is your call to answer. We need everyone to stand up and demand changes, sign our petition!”

Our Bargaining Team:

1. Genevieve Hutchings, RNII, MSS (Pierce County)
2. Nacole Holmes, Social Worker I, MSS (Clark County)
3. Amber Braaten, MA, Aberdeen
4. Eric Sanders, Case Manager-Housing, CSNW,
5. Katrina Ondeck, Integration Specialist (Care Management), CSNW
6. Francis Tarango, DA III, Mt. Vernon
7. Lori Tornquist, SUDP III, Aberdeen
8. Amy Nitchman, Health Educator II, Vancouver
9. Martie Skinner, Phlebotomist, Vancouver
10. Malia Silverthorne, WIC Nutrition Asst Certifier I, Vancouver
11. Erin Adamson, Lead Negotiator, OPEIU
12. Valarie Peaphon, Union Rep, OPEIU
13. Phoebe Feldsher, Union Rep, OPEIU
14. Jesse Holtzinger-Cruz, OPEIU

If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to your Union Representative at Erin@opeiu8.org, Phoebe@opeiu8.org, and Valarie@opeiu8.org or any member of our Bargaining Team listed above.

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