

June 3, 2011

UMDNJ Update

Negotiations

We will be returning to the negotiation table on Wednesday, June 8, 2011. Your Shop Stewards and bargaining representatives from UMDNJ are: Newark: Danny Ortiz, Judy Downey, Lillian Hugee, Robin McLeod, Michelle Galbreath and in NB/Piscataway: Rob Reinitz and John Fata.

Dr. Owen's May 31st Email about St. Barnabas

We have been reporting to you about rumors/concerns that UniversityHospital (UH) will be taken over by St. Barnabas Health Care Systems, which is a private entity. The Coalition of Unions addressed this with Dr. Owen and UMDNJ Senior Management at the quarterly Coalition Meeting in late April. UMDNJ replied that St. Barnabas had not taken any of the necessary steps to inquire about UH's financials, therefore, do not worry about St. Barnabas's relationship with UMDNJ.

On May 31st, Dr. Owen sent an email about UMDNJ and St. Barnabas considering "broadening our relationship". He further states that "discussions have begun" and they have "suspended further public dialogue until such time as UMDNJ and St. Barnabas Health Care Systems have reached a phase that is less conceptual." What does that mean? Why are these talks not public?

The Coalition of Unions at UMDNJ meets quarterly with representatives of the UMDNJ Board of Trustees. We are scheduled to meet with them on June 21st in New Brunswick prior to the Board of Trustee Meeting. We will address Dr. Owen's email and the repercussions of private talks with St. Barnabas. We will also be addressing the points on our petitions about a possible merger with Rutgers. We will send the message to UMDNJ that all communications should be transparent.

Surveys

We communicated in our last Update of May 26th that we are joining HPAE and having our members sign petitions. We outlined the principles of the petitions and are now providing you with a link to the petition on our website: <http://cwa1031.org/umdnj.html>. You can cut and paste this to your browser or log onto Local 1031's website at www.CWA1031.org and click on UMDNJ. You will see our last few Updates posted there. Please print out a copy of the petition (you will need legal sized paper) and get your fellow CWA Supervisors to join you in signing the petition. These petitions can be handed in the following ways: at membership meetings, to Shop Stewards or by calling the Local and making arrangements for pick up. **We need your help in protecting your future!**

Membership Meetings - The Week of June 13th-17th

Lunch will be served at these meetings. The meetings are open to the entire CWA bargaining unit, even if you are not a full member. You can ask questions and receive information. Reminder, when time to vote for the contract comes, **only** full members will be allowed to vote. If you are not a full member you will be able to sign a membership card and vote on the same day.

Here are the dates and locations of our meetings:

New Brunswick

Tuesday, June 14, 2011

CAB 3405

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Newark

Wednesday, June 15, 2011

MSB B 617

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Piscataway

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Research Tower – V14

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Stratford

Friday, June 17, 2011

AC 285

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.