



Saskatchewan Association
of Health Organizations

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SAHO Continues to say “Yes”

Today SUN proposed conciliation in order to assist the parties to move forward in negotiating the collective agreement. SAHO has said YES.

On March 18th, SUN presented an agreement which included conditions to exchanging full proposal packages. SAHO said YES, responding with a counter proposal, which agreed to exchange full proposal packages and to begin with discussions on recruitment and retention initiatives.

Previous to that, on March 6, SAHO said YES to the partnership agreement, agreeing to support the recruitment and retention partnership agreement between SUN and the Government. “Our intention was to demonstrate that the employers agreed to work within the strategy that will be facilitated by Dr. Marlene Smadu because we are committed to recruitment and retention of health professionals,” advised Susan Antosh, President & CEO of SAHO.

SAHO indicates that in order to ensure Saskatchewan residents have the care they need, the Regional Health Authorities have actively pursued, and will continue to pursue, the recruitment and retention of nurses and other health professionals.

“We would like to move on to negotiating the collective agreement and if a conciliator will help SUN to move the process along, we welcome the opportunity,” stated Antosh.

Meetings are scheduled to resume April 2 – 4 in Regina.

More information can be found at www.working-together.info. For updated information on the negotiations as they occur, visit www.saho.org or call 347-5599.

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SAHO represents more than 40 health care employers in the province.

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