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SAHO responds to SUN's call for strike vote

The Saskatchewan Association of Health Organizations (SAHO) today expressed disappointment that the Saskatchewan Union of Nurses bargaining committee called for a strike vote.

“We have not even had an opportunity to discuss the proposals with the Union negotiating committee,” said Susan Antosh, President and CEO of SAHO. Proposal packages were exchanged on April 2 and SUN asked for adjournment until after their annual meeting this week. “Based on what SUN appears to be communicating on their website and to the media, there is clearly a misunderstanding of the nature of our proposals,” added Antosh.

SAHO has proposed a wage increase of 5% and 5% over two years, offering the largest increase to health care workers in 20 years. Additional proposals are included to enhance quality patient care and work environments.

SAHO encourages individuals to go to www.working-together.info and judge for themselves.

SAHO is awaiting the decision of the Union regarding a strike vote and what that will mean for scheduled bargaining dates.

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

SAHO is a non-profit, non-government association that provides leadership, advocacy, support and programs for member health agencies throughout the province.

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