



One Valley: From the frontlines to the bargaining table

We voted **YES** on our bargaining priorities and have our first bargaining session on April 16!

At Valley Medical Center, we have the power of over 2300 people across all job classes at the frontlines of patient care, giving us maximum power in bargaining. This year, we can make important improvements that we've needed for years. Over the past week, hundreds of us attended membership meetings to vote on our priorities in bargaining this year. We unanimously voted in favor of our goals in bargaining sending a strong message to Valley administration that we are united and ready to fight for what we need to thrive.

Welcome Discharge Coordinators, Ophthalmology Techs, and Clinical Admin Resource RNs to our union!

Our priorities are based in fundamental union workers' rights:

- ✓ Investing in our wages with increases that return Valley Medical Center to be a wage leader in King County
- ✓ Great benefits that we can count on, that support us, and so we can all be healthy and take care of our families
- ✓ Modernize our sick banks to match other hospitals with more sick time and easier access to the sick time we accrue
- ✓ Improvements to retirement and healthcare with guaranteed protections from unilateral changes
- ✓ Strong staffing protections that mean our patients will get the care they need when they need it
- ✓ A strong union voice at Valley Medical Center and clinics to have a say in changes that impact all of us



"Updating our sick leave policy will be a big part of this year's contract negotiations. As part of the UW system, Valley needs to mirror UW's procedures around sick leave accrual. Our Valley employees are getting 3 hours per month of full time work, UW employees are getting 8 hours. This gap in available sick leave is impacting our employees' ability to take care of themselves and their families and impacting their employment status. We need to and we will fight for sick leave parity to meet the standards of the other UW hospitals and clinics." **-Sarah Snyder, Case Manager**

"We have achieved amazing strides for safe staffing in the past few years, but it's imperative to continue fighting for safe working conditions and adequate break relief. The buddy break system is antiquated and creates an unsafe environment for patients and leads to burnout for nursing staff. Break relief staff will ensure that patients are cared for in a safe manner and that all nursing staff is allowed uninterrupted breaks." **-Cori Lucas, RN, CCU Float Pool**



"Our bargaining team priorities for improving staffing is for safety of us and for safety of our patients. We are all working hard and we deserve the wage increases because everything is getting more expensive. If we all take full effort and stand united we can win." **-Birpal Bhangu, PCA, Cardiac Telemetry**

"For the last decade or more Valley has been determined to decimate the benefits and protections we fought hard to receive and retain. We cannot let them take away our retirement and monetary incentives ever again. It's time to get ready to fight for our rights and we need everyone to participate to show admin we're not playing." **-Lynda Roberson, Sonographer**



Our Bargaining Team

Dept.	Job Class	Bargaining Team Member
Float Pool	PCA	Abdullahi Jibril
Lab	Med Technologist	Adrienne Nixon
ED	RN	Ariane Laird
Ophthalmology	Ophthalmology Tech	Amy Aguilar
Cardiac Tele	PCA	Birpal Bhangu
Float Pool	RN	Caesar Tuguinay
Cardiac Tele	RN	Christine Hellmann
CT	CT Tech	Cindy Thapa
CCU/ED Float	RN	Cori Lucas
Float Pool	PCA	Cynthia Benion
ED	RN	Danielle Hackett
Pediatrics	RN	Dawn Seltz
IR	IR Tech	Jake McMurray
Breast Health	Ultrasound	Jill Theofelis
Pharmacy	Pharmacist	John Chan
Birth Center	RN	Jordan Middleton
Cardio Pulm	Cardio Pulm Tech	Juanita Powe
Oncology Clinic	MA	Julie Wise
ED	RN	Lena Martin
Birth Center	RN	Liz Dryfoos
Radiology	Sonographer	Lynda Roberson
Gen Surg 5S	RN	Mandy Becker
Infusion Center/EVS	Housekeeper	Mary Ann Gibbs
Lab	Med Technologist	Michele Skinner
Birth Center	Surg Tech	Michelle Dunn
OR	Anesthesia Tech	Nakia Dowell
Covington Clinic	MA	Sam Walter
Case Management	Case Mgr - SW	Sarah Snyder
Pharmacy	Pharmacist	Serena Le
EVS	Housekeeper	Susan Bagley
Pharmacy	Pharmacist	Vivian Nguyen



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Support our bargaining team

Donate vacation hours to our bargaining team! Our bargaining team members are making a huge commitment to represent us at the bargaining table. Let's all do our part so our team doesn't have to use up their vacation time to represent us.

Number of hours I authorize to donate (minimum of 4): _____

Print name: _____

Department: _____

Job Class: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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"Our priorities will help us to retain employees because we consistently lose coworkers to other jobs for better pay or better hours. Having us at the bargaining table means having a consistent voice to speak to the impact of management decisions on the quality and safety of patient care. Donating vacation hours validates the voice of the bargaining team and why we need these priorities because it shows we are willing to fight for them." **-Sam Walter, Medical Assistant, Covington Clinic**