The MNA and CCHC Management negotiated for about six hours on Monday. The MNA Committee is still pushing for limits on mandatory overtime, updated staffing figures, increases in benefits and an across the board wage increase for all members in addition to the step system that is already in place in your contract (and has been for decades).

Although we did resolve several items related to reduction in force language and the 403(b) plan, CCHC still refuses to limit mandatory overtime or address the economic concerns of bargaining unit RNs. The Committees remain committed to obtaining limits on mandatory overtime, updated core staffing patterns (updated from March 2006), enhancing benefits, and providing a fair wage increase for all bargaining unit members.

We have a negotiation session scheduled for May 3, 2011, beginning at 10AM. This negotiation session will be at Cape Cod Hospital in the Martins Conference Room. Please attend this session so that you can see how your contract is negotiated.

Also please be on the look-out for a newsletter updating you on a number of bargaining unit issues and news.