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on Registered Nurses' Contract

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Greetings,

CNA and the County spent most of Wednesday, January 30 discussing Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) and health care cost containment. The County brought in their subject matter experts to fully explain the financial implications of the OPEB liability and consequences of not addressing health care cost escalation. CNA submitted additional economic proposals.

Valuable information was exchanged and CNA negotiators had full opportunity to ask questions. CNA has requested some additional information on OPEB and health care cost containment, which will be provided in the next negotiation session on Wednesday, February 6. The 10-hour bargaining session was adjourned at 6 p.m.

The contract was due to expire today. A contract extension has been agreed to by the parties.

The County looks forward to continued productive bargaining sessions with CNA.

Previous issues of this Bulletin describing earlier negotiating sessions and more information about Contra Costa Health Service, Contra Costa Regional Medical Center and the nurses' contract, are available on cchealth.org. Send questions to jfreestone@hsd.cccounty.us. Due to the confidential nature of the negotiations, specific details about the bargaining or terms cannot be discussed by County staff. CNA members should contact their local CNA representatives for additional details.

