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Greetings,

We are pleased to announce that the potential strike by the California Nurses Association (CNA) set to begin on March 21 has been averted.

The County and CNA met last evening and agreed to return to the bargaining table, focusing on quality of care, professional development and the formation of a joint working committee to develop health care cost containment solutions.

The Memorandum of Understanding has been extended to allow the parties time to work out the full terms of new MOU.

Questions and Answers about the negotiations are available on-line at cchealth.org. 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.

