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JOINT COMMUNICATION

Multi-Employer/UNA Joint Staffing Task Force June 10, 2008

The Multi-Employer/United Nurses of Alberta (UNA) Joint Staffing Task Force (the Task Force) held its initial meeting on June 9, 2008. Members of the Task Force are listed in Appendix A attached.

The Task Force developed draft Terms of Reference for the Task Force. These Terms of Reference are now subject to approval by each of the parties and will then be circulated to UNA members and employer representatives.

The Task Force commenced development of an inventory of actions and initiatives currently underway related to the issues of staffing and workload.

The Task Force will meet at least monthly and will share information and work collaboratively with the goal of making joint recommendations that will positively influence existing staffing and workload issues.

Future meetings of the Task Force have been scheduled for September 8 and 9 and October 17, 2008.

If you have any question regarding the work of the Task Force, please contact your respective representative as follows, or any member of the Task Force.

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Multi-Employer/UNA Joint Staffing Task Force Members June 2008

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Heather Smith President United Nurses of Alberta	Teri Myhre Director, Workforce Planning Chinook Health	Cathy Giblin Regional Manager, Nursing Affairs, Capital Health
Wendy Brigham, President Local #121, Rockyview Hospital, Calgary	Linda Tessman-Potvin Regional Workforce Planning Palliser Health Region	Karen Boros Director of Human Resources Capital Health
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Note: Dr. Jeanne Besner, Director, Health Systems and Workforce Research Unit, Calgary Health Region is available to provide related research information and advice to the Task Force