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# RDH News & Updates



## News and Updates for the RDH Bargaining Unit December 2010

In the interest of keeping you up-to-date on events in our Bargaining Unit, we will be periodically sending out these update emails. There's a lot happening right now, and we want to be sure you know how our union is working together to protect and promote RDHs and patient care.

### ADR – The Adjustment Continues

As I know you're well aware, we are still working through the kinks in Phase I of the Automated Dental Records (ADR) rollout. There is still a lot of work to be done.

We're asking all of our hygienists to please continue to check your schedules through February to be sure you have proper break times scheduled, and also to double-check the rules to make sure appointments are scheduled appropriately. If you find errors, bring them to management's attention immediately to ensure that there's time to get the schedule corrected.

Also, following concerns that some of the ADR stations are ergonomically challenged, Kaiser is having an ergonomics specialist visit each clinic to evaluate computer placement. Ask your manager when the specialist will be visiting your facility, and give any concerns/needs to your steward so you can be sure to have input if you need it. Your steward will be participating in the walk through.

### Issue Resolution for OHAP Could Help All Clinics

One of our facilities has had some issue with the Oral Health

#### **Our New Internal Organizer: Sharon Culley**

As of October, Sharon Culley is now our Internal Organizer for dental. So if there are questions or situations you have where you can't reach our Contract Specialist Charlene Walloch, please contact Sharon.

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Appraisal Process (OHAP), and they are currently going through an Issue Resolution to address it. We're excited to support our fellow members as they work through this process, creating better understanding of roles and expectations for all involved. We also look forward to the possibility that best practice ideas or other benefits might come out of it. When the process is complete, if there are learnings that can help any/all of our clinics as we all strive to provide the best possible patient care, we will be sure to let you know.

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## Bargaining Unit Leadership

Last but not least, I want to let you all know that Jackie Farlinger-King has stepped down from her role as Vice President of our Bargaining Unit, and the union has accepted her resignation. Although we're sorry to see her go, I want to thank her for her time and effort on behalf of our members.

The leadership team, at present, has decided not to make an appointment to the position, but to leave it vacant until elections in May. In the meantime, we have asked unit members to volunteer and fill in as necessary. I want to extend special thanks to Allison Burgett for her offer to help; she will be participating in the RLMC, and OPC meetings.

In closing, I just want to thank all of you for your dedication to your work, and for your commitment to making your workplace and your union a little bit better every day. We are a strong and proud union of caring professionals. Thank you for everything you do every day, for your colleagues and our patients.

*In Solidarity,*

*Sharon Brown, RDH  
President, RDH Bargaining Unit*

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