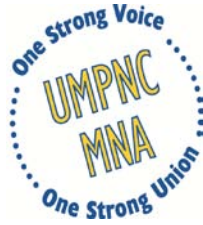


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Today's Negotiations

With the contract expiration fast approaching we are disappointed with the lack of progress at the table today. We have serious concerns that an agreement will not be reached unless we start to receive proposals from management that are respectful to our membership. We are pleased with your support and engagement in the process and thank you for your unity for a fair contract.

The Media Are Calling!

As the expiration date for the contract approaches, the media are sitting up and taking notice. Shown below is a statement we issued to some of the media outlets that called today:

The Michigan Nurses Association and the Management of the University of Michigan Health System are continuing to negotiate in good faith through this week. Once the contract expires on June 30, 2011, decisions will be made by both parties on the progress of the negotiations. "We are not currently planning on a strike," said John Karebian, MNA Executive Director. "But at the same time, the nurses are united in gaining a contract that respects the role they play in providing quality health care to the patients at U of M. Currently, this Employer is spending millions of dollars on huge building projects and then making up for their budget issues by asking the nurses for major concessions in benefits and the ways nurses determine how best to provide for their patients. It's time for the U of M Management to get serious about their proposals and provide their nurses with a fair and just contract."

We are asking that you continue to show your united support to the Employer by wearing **red** on Fridays and also wearing your button. The pressure is building to finalize this contract but we will not take an inferior and disrespectful agreement! As the negotiations continue to heat up, everyone's support is needed both now and in future actions to show our solidarity.

