

Ontario Public Service Employees Union and Ontario Hospital Association

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Ontario Hospital Association and Ontario Public Service Employees Union Reach Tentative Collective Agreement

Toronto – The Ontario Hospital Association (OHA) and Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) announced today that they have tentatively reached a negotiated three-year province-wide collective agreement for hospital professionals.

“Ontario’s hospitals value the hard work and dedication of all our employees,” said OHA President and CEO Hilary Short. “By working very hard to reach a voluntary tentative agreement, both OPSEU and the OHA are setting the stage for an even more productive working relationship over the next several years.”

Key details of the tentative agreement include:

- Improved labour stability from a proposed three year term (running from April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2009)
- Wage increases of 3 percent in 2006, 3 percent in 2007 and 3.25 percent in 2008
- Improvements to job security language and other non-monetary issues

Both parties have agreed to ratification no later than May 25, 2006.

“We have accomplished many important improvements. We hope that this settlement will set a foundation for an improved working relationship as we face the challenges ahead,” said Yves Shank, chair of the OPSEU central negotiating team.

OPSEU and the OHA would also like to extend their sincere thanks and appreciation to mediator Gerry Lee for his key role in assisting the parties in reaching this tentative collective agreement.

This proposed settlement covers 43 participating hospitals covering approximately 6,500 employees. Generally speaking it covers paramedical employees such as lab technologists, pharmacists, physiotherapists and other allied health professionals.

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