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More RN Positions Deleted

Charlottetown, PEI, Tuesday, May 31, 2011:---- Members of the PEI Nursesø Union received more distressing news on Monday, May 30th regarding the governmentø continued implementation of its new øModel of Careö. Health PEI representatives called a meeting at Community Hospital in OøLeary to advise staff of the impact at their worksite.

Registered Nurses were told that commencing in October of this year, they would be losing ten (10) of their fourteen (14) positions. Six (6) of these positions have been vacant and not posted as permanent opportunities since the government started implementing the new model. Four Full-time Registered Nurses have been identified as surplus.

Union President, Mona OøShea attended the meeting as an observer. øIt is unbelievable to me that Health PEI and this government think that the current level of health care at this facility can continue to be maintained by reducing the number of RNs by two thirds.ö

øEven an employer representative indicated a recognition to staff in attendance that the picture looked øgloomyö.

Government and Health PEI have deleted fifty-one (51) Registered Nurse positions from nine (9) work units/sites during the past twelve months.

While Health PEI maintains that they are continuing to add RN positions to the workforce, the number of deleted positions significantly exceeds the number of newly created positions.

øThe Registered Nurses at this worksite are dedicated to this community and facility. They are extremely upset that the employer has put them in this very difficult situation.ö says OøShea. øWe now have four more RNs who have lost the security of knowing where they will be working in the near future. This can only mean significant increases in responsibility and crippling workloads for the five (5) remaining RNs of Community Hospital.ö

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