



# UHP *Newsline*



**UHP at CT AFL-CIO Convention**  
*Congresswoman Jahana Hayes addresses the 13<sup>th</sup> biennial Connecticut AFL-CIO Political Convention, held via Zoom Sept. 4. UHP had 10 delegates to this year's convention. Read more and see the full list of CT AFL-CIO-endorsed candidates at [bit.ly/20CTAFLCIOendorse](http://bit.ly/20CTAFLCIOendorse).*



**Remember, Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 3. Go to [vote.org](http://vote.org) for information on things like registering to vote, checking your registration status, voting by mail, and finding your polling place.**

## Open Enrollment This Month

The Health Insurance open enrollment for state employees is underway and runs **through Wednesday, Sept. 30**. Any changes you make during open enrollment will be effective Oct. 1.



HR is holding a virtual open enrollment fair **Tuesday, Sept. 15**, from 10 to 11 a.m. Watch for details in Lifeline on how to join.

We're aggregating the latest information at [bit.ly/2005openenroll](http://bit.ly/2005openenroll).

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

### Part of the Solution

Brothers and Sisters, first a quick tip of my hat to our officers: This newsletter is our 50th! So proud of OUR team that makes this happen every month. Be it new officer elections, COVID-19, isolation and quarantines, every month, we hit our mark. Thank you all!



As we gear up for negotiating our next contract, we are going to be on opposite sides of the table and who knows how contentious it will be. It is important to remember that not everything has to be a fight every time. We have many common goals with our institution and I wanted to give a couple of examples of us working with our employer to be part of the solution.

Last month's survey is a case in point. We are going over all the responses (300-plus) to discuss with UConn Health administration. Two examples of suggestions from our members for revenue generation were:

1. To aggressively pursue the paramedic/EMS contract in Farmington and surrounding towns to (a) increase visibility in the community and (b) drive business to our ED, and
2. To find more opportunities to partner with urgent-care centers in the community to increase potential entry points into the UConn Health system.

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## New Home for Union Office

We've completed the move of the UHP office, still in the Exchange, now in Suite 109 (use building entrance ONE). The phone number (860-676-8444) and mail code (6335) remain the same.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER *(continued)*

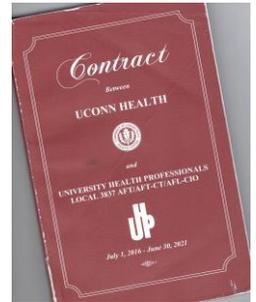
We also are continually looking for more ways to get PPE into the hands of those who need it. In July we were able to get a portion of the surgical masks and face shields that AFT National had purchased. N-95 masks were not in that shipment, But we are working now with the UConn Health management and its legal team to secure a donation of N-95s, and they should be delivered before the next newsletter.

Finally, with Labor Day just passing, I want to leave you with a quote from Mother Jones: "My friends, it is solidarity of labor we want. We do not want to find fault with each other, but to solidify our forces and say to each other: We must be together; our masters are joined together and we must do the same thing."

**—In Solidarity, Bill Garrity**

## Still Seeking Members for Negotiating Team

Thank you to the 32 UHP members who have stepped up and expressed interest in being on the UHP 2020 Negotiating Team. We still have a lot of unrepresented job titles on the team and are still taking and hoping for volunteers. If you are unsure but think this is something you can or maybe able to commit to, email [ihamm@uhp3837.com](mailto:ihamm@uhp3837.com) and let me add your name to the list.



There will be an informational meeting scheduled for the Negotiating Team, where you will have a chance to ask your questions so you can get all the information you need to make an informed decision about joining the Negotiating Team.

Jean, Bill, and I had our first negotiations prep meeting with Logan Place (UHP's field rep/chief negotiator) to start planning our timeline for solidifying the team, training session(s) and gathering needed materials. We also drafted and sent a letter to administration requesting that we come to the table and begin negotiations. As of this writing, we have not received a response.

Please stay tuned for future updates, and thank you all for what you do every day.

**—In Solidarity, Ivonne Hamm  
1st VP for Collective Bargaining**

**REMINDER: For up-to-date resources on the COVID-19 situation: [bit.ly/2003UHPcovid](https://bit.ly/2003UHPcovid).**

**Report symptoms or potential exposures to UConn Health's COVID-19 call center: 860-679-3199.**