



# RIH-UNAP Report

RI Hospital United Nurses & Allied Professionals, Local 5098

June 30, 2006

## *Message from the President:*



Linda McDonald, RN  
President

## MOT Blocked!

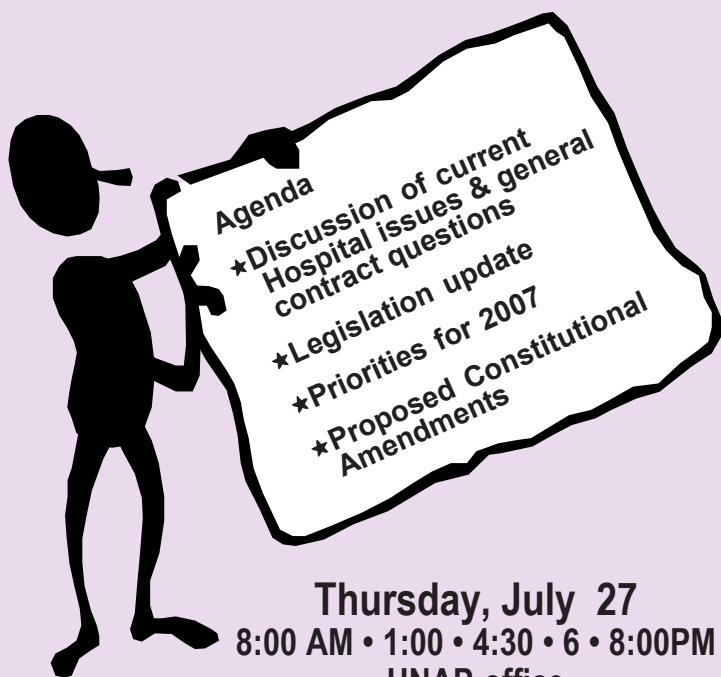


### House Votes to Pass Mandatory Overtime Bill Senate Leadership Blocks the vote

Senate President Montalbano and Chair of the Labor Committee, Senator Badeau, held our MOT bill and would not let it be voted by the Senate body. Senator Tassoni, the sponsor of the bill, worked tirelessly on behalf of all Healthcare workers to have this bill pass. While we had a majority of the Senate who would have voted favorably, President Montalbano chose not to let this bill be voted.

While we who are mandated understand the safety issues to our patients and the hardship for the workers, our Hospital CEOs refuse to admit that MOT exists.

## RI Hospital UNAP General Membership Meeting



*Please join us for this important meeting!*

■ The problem of MOT has not gone away.

■ Passing the bill would not restrict a hospital's ability to care for patients, but **WOULD** motivate a hospital to do a better job in planning and staffing to avoid mandatory overtime.

■ Passing the bill would have sent a very encouraging message to nurses and other health care workers, which would help to improve morale, retention and recruitment.

■ Similar bills have been passed in other states without the dire consequences predicted by the hospitals.

To the House Leadership we can not thank you enough. We appreciate the support from Speaker Murphy, House Majority Leader Fox, Representative McNamara, the Committee Chair, and a special thanks to the sponsor of the bill, Representative Gallison.

It is time for all Nurses and Healthcare workers to make sure we become active in the upcoming elections and work to re-elect legislators who understand the importance of safety and quality care. We as constituents have power and it is time to exercise our rights.

# New! Yoga Reimbursement Program

- ★ **“Kickoff”** on June 30<sup>th</sup> at the cafeteria from 11-4:00pm OR register by email to [HMacedo@lifespan.org](mailto:HMacedo@lifespan.org) from June 30<sup>th</sup>-July 7<sup>th</sup>
- ★ **\$7.00** reimbursed per class, total of 9 classes at any yoga facility
- ★ **Classes** must be taken between July 9th and August 31st
- ★ **Limit** first 200 employees!

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