

Overview of Kaiser Pharmacists Meeting
Saturday, May 28, 2011

The UFCW Professional Division would like to thank the Kaiser Pharmacists for attending this meeting on a Memorial Day weekend. Numerous Kaiser Pharmacists indicated their desire to attend but had previous commitments.

In attendance at the meeting were several UFCW Professional Division leaders. Michael Straeter Pharm D (President of UFCW 1442), Roslyn Hackworth (CA Pharmacy Board Member and Secretary Treasurer UFCW 135), Andrea Zinder (former CA Pharmacy Board Member and Secretary Treasurer of UFCW 324), Diane Bertell (LMP Labor Chair), as well as several UFCW Representative exclusively servicing the Kaiser facilities . Keith Fong Pharm D (staff pharmacists for Ralphs and member of the UFCW Professional Division) and Gerry Afkari, RPh (staff Pharmacists for Ralphs and member of the UFCW Professional Division) were also in attendance.

The meeting started with an overview of the UFCW Professional Division and the power of both the UFCW and the partnership coalition. Significant differences were identified between the GFPP and the UFCW Professional Division. UFCW bargaining power and professional representation not only in the work place but on behalf of the profession were highlighted.

The question of "how can we be represented by the UFCW Professional Division" was thoroughly discussed. A minimum of 30% of the Kaiser Pharmacists must fill out a representation card or petition. Cards and petitions can be downloaded from the Professional Division web site at ufcwrx.com. Cards and petitions can be faxed, emailed or a representative will pick it up.

The Kaiser Pharmacists felt that the meeting was extremely beneficial and informative. They requested a more convenient meeting format and the suggestion of a virtual town hall conference call was agreed upon. We will be working on setting that up in the upcoming days.

Thanks to all the Kaiser Pharmacists for attending.

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