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From: Neil Bhaerman
Date: Apr 12, 2012 9:29:08 AM
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Hi Darlene-
Sorry, I forget if I touched base with you yesterday to see if this all looked ok.
Can you cut and paste this, add any changes you want and email it to Robert Brackbill, at rbrackbill@pa.gov
Include your name, phone number and address.
let me know when you get a chance to do this.

On Wed, Apr 11, 2012 at 10:22 AM, Neil Bhaerman <neil.bhaerman@seiuhcpa.org> wrote:
Hi Darlene,
Please approve or make changes to the testimony I put together from our conversation and get back to me as soon as you can. We need to submit this tomorrow.

Darlene Benny, RN at AVH

Hello. I'm Darlene Benny from Ross Township, I've been a registered nurse for over 40 years, the last ten at the West Penn Allegheny Health System, first at West Penn and now at Allegheny Valley Hospital in Natrona Heights. I currently work in our geriatric psych department.
Allegheny Valley is a vital community hospital that serves a great need and purpose in the valley. In addition to being a community hospital, our patients also have access via helicopter to cutting edge facilities at West Penn Hospital and AGH.
Competition lends itself to increasing excellent care. Healthy competition between our health system and UPMC is imperative to make sure that southwest Pennsylvanians have quality care, leading resources and affordable care.
Recently, at Allegheny Valley, we formed a union so that we have an opportunity to work collaboratively with administration to improve healthcare. The administration at our hospital and the larger health system is receptive to diverse ideas to improve the quality care. While our ideas come from different viewpoints, we all have the same objective: quality patient care.
By approving this affiliation, we will be able to continue to make advances in our hospital and our health system and push our regions health care infrastructure to be more innovative, more efficient and a better value for southwest Pennsylvanians.

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