

MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS VOTES TO JOIN THE MANITOBA FEDERATION OF LABOUR

September 10, 2021 *Winnipeg, MB* - The Executive Council of the Manitoba Association of Health Care Professionals (MAHCP) has voted to affiliate to the Manitoba Federation of Labour (MFL), MAHCP President Bob Moroz and MFL President Kevin Rebeck announced today.

"With our health care system in crisis, now more than ever it is important for us to stand together," said Bob Moroz, President of MAHCP. "By joining the Manitoba Federation of Labour, we continue to strengthen our voice in fighting for allied health professionals and a better health care system for all Manitobans."

MAHCP represents 6,900 allied health professionals in Manitoba, who work in more than 190 disciplines in health care settings across the province. MAHCP members provide health care services that Manitobans rely on, and have been a fundamental part of the province's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The affiliation decision means that the MFL's membership will rise to 125,000 working Manitobans. The MAHCP will sit on the MFL's Executive Council and its members will also be able to participate in the MFL's educational opportunities, committees and campaigns.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has reminded all of us how important it is that we have strong health care services provided by dedicated professionals," said Rebeck. "I have been proud to stand with the MAHCP as it fights for even better health care for Manitobans and fair contracts for its members. And I am proud to formally welcome them to our Manitoba Federation of Labour."

Moroz noted that the time is right for the MAHCP to affiliate to the MFL, as there is growing concern among health care professionals about the damage the provincial government has done to the health care system, leading to inadequate staffing levels and burnout. Rebeck and Moroz both encouraged the winner of next month's Progressive Conservative leadership race to do what is right and re-set the relationship with workers and unions, in health care and throughout Manitoba.

The MFL and MAHCP have a history of working together to support working people, including the Partnership to Defend Public Services' legal challenge of the Pallister government's unconstitutional public sector wage-freeze law.

The Manitoba Association of Health Care Professionals is a union representing over 6900 members from all over Manitoba. MAHCP represents 85% of Allied Health professionals in Manitoba, working in more than 190 disciplines in health care settings across the province. For more information on MAHCP, visit www.mahcp.ca.

The Manitoba Federation of Labour is the united voice of Manitoba's labour movement and represents more than 100,000 working Manitobans in the public and private sectors, including: health care, manufacturing, government offices, retail stores, schools, natural resources, tourism, agriculture and many others. For more information on the MFL, visit www.mfl.ca.

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