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Limited job action continues in community health

More than 200 union members were impacted when about 60 community health workers set up picket lines at the Cranbrook Health Unit and Cranbrook Home Support, as limited job action continued on November 15.

Striking workers want to send a clear message to health employers and to the B.C. Liberal government: it's time for a fair deal.

Workers in community health are among the lowest-paid workers in the public sector, and haven't had a pay raise since 2009.

Having been without a contract since January, the Community Bargaining Association (CBA) decided to action the strike mandate because the Health Employers Association of BC (HEABC) continues to hold the position that an increase in wages must be accompanied by an offset found within the collective agreement.

Limited job action first began on November 8 with pickets set up for one day at RainCity Housing and Support Society and Lookout Emergency Aid Society in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside.

The multi-union Community Bargaining Association represents more than 14,000 workers, including 1,500 HEU members.

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