



HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES' UNION

BARGAINING BULLETIN

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HEU continues efforts to resolve issues and reach fair first contract with H'ulh-etun Health Society

The bargaining committee for HEU members employed by the H'ulh-etun Health Society made progress on non-monetary language issues in collective agreement talks with the employer on March 5, 6 and 7.

HEU servicing representative Bonnie Youngman also came to the bargaining table for an informal labour/management meeting. She discussed several outstanding issues, including changes that may result from the Chemainus First Nation's (CFN) withdrawal from the Health Society. The union and the employer have agreed to meet before March 31 to further discuss the impact that CFN's withdrawal may have on HEU members and their work.

The Canada Labour Board is also expected to provide hearing dates to address HEU's complaints regarding the employer's changes to the policy manual and the layoff of five members. These changes include the elimination of cultural leave, a change in the cost sharing for health and welfare benefits, a decrease in vacation entitlement, and more.

HEU began talks with the Health Society on August 29, 30 and September 5. Next bargaining dates are scheduled for April 2, 3 and 4.

Mental health worker Albert Thor, receptionist Caroline Harry, and union bargaining representative Heather Compton make up the bargaining committee that sits at the table with the Health Society.

HEU represents staff of the H'ulh-etun Society who voted to join the union on May 3, 2007. Members are employed as community health nurses, mental health and home care workers, janitors, patient travel clerks and receptionists.

For information about bargaining, members can contact Heather Compton at 1-800-663-5813.

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