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Community Health bargaining committee begins talks with HEABC

Members present priority issues including point-of-sale drug cards, scheduling changes, improved harassment language

The Community Health Bargaining Association (CBA) is at the bargaining table with the Health Employers Association of B.C. (HEABC) from Monday, December 14 to Friday December 18.

The bargaining committee will be presenting members' priority issues, including point-of-sale drug cards, changes to scheduling, improvements to bullying and harassment language, as well as adjustments to improve fairness for LPNs in the community health sector.

"There is no doubt this economic climate presents real bargaining challenges for all workers in health care," says HEU secretary-business manager Judy Darcy.

"However, these meetings are a productive start that we hope will lead to positive outcomes for workers and the clients they serve."

HEU is represented on the Community Health bargaining committee by Graham O'Neill from Marine View Housing in North Vancouver and Carol Ryan from Garden Manor in Kamloops, as well as staff negotiator Joey Hartman.

Negotiations are led by the B.C. Government and Service Employees' Union (BCGEU), which has the largest number of members in this sector. The United Food and Commercial Workers Union, HEU and CUPE, as well as smaller affiliates make up the rest of the 19 member committee.

HEU will be posting and distributing additional bargaining bulletins to members, as talks progress.

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