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Community Health Bargaining Association members ratify agreement

Members in B.C.'s Community Health Bargaining Association (CBA) have voted 76 per cent in favour of ratifying a two-year collective agreement with the Health Employers Association of BC (HEABC).

The CBA represents approximately 14,000 community health workers, including 1,400 HEU members. The agreement is effective from April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2012.

"This was a very difficult bargaining climate, and it's clear that members recognized the bargaining committee did the best job possible to advance priorities, while protecting job security and benefits," says HEU secretary-business manager Judy Darcy.

"Over the next two years, we need to take full advantage of the opportunities in this agreement for consultation with employers and ensure the joint working groups and committees are effective tools for our members."

The BC Government and Service Employees' Union represents the majority of members in the CBA, followed by the United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1518, the Hospital Employees' Union, the Health Sciences Association, the Canadian Union of Public Employees, and others.

Votes were conducted from February 22 to 26, 2010. The results for each local will be posted in work sites.

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