



HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES' UNION

# NEWSLETTER

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## HEU meets with health employers over contracting out Desktop Management Services

The Hospital Employees' Union (HEU) and other representatives from the multi-union Facilities Bargaining Association (FBA), including members from around the province with expertise in desktop management services, met with health authorities and the Health Employers Association of BC (HEABC) earlier this week about the possible contracting out of Desktop Management Services to IBM.

Despite the union's requests for details about possible contracting-out plans, HEABC and health authorities came with previously issued employer announcements and updates but little new information.

Once again, HEU asked for full disclosure of any proposals, financial documents, and other related material on contracting out – as required under the collective agreement – including a complete list of members who may be impacted, as well as their classification, work site and health authority.

HEABC and health authorities agreed to provide more information and will advise when that will be available. The union will then review the information before deciding what steps to take next.

Health employers' plans to contract out desktop management services would affect members in all six health authorities.

Under the collective agreement, employers' plans to contract out should be referred to a joint union-employer Alternate Service Delivery Committee at least three months before seeking a contracting-out arrangement.

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