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Health unions agree to further meeting on future of Desktop Management Services

HEU and the multi-union Facilities Bargaining Association have agreed to enter exploratory talks with health employers, Health Shared Services BC (HSSBC) and IBM about future opportunities for union members working in Desktop Management Services (DMS) in the event that this work is contracted out.

The talks will take place without prejudice to the union's position that health employers have not met their obligations under the collective agreement including for proper consultation on the possible move of DMS services in B.C.'s health authorities to ISM.

ISM is the IBM subsidiary that is contracted to provide DMS services within the provincial government's operations.

The agreement for future discussions was made at a November 12 meeting between FBA unions (including members from DMS in each health authority), health employers and HSSBC.

See also: HEU meets with health employers over contracting out Desktop Management Services, October 14 < http://tinyurl.com/272v2t4>.

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