



Bargaining Bulletin

HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES' UNION

THE HEART OF HEALTH CARE

Arbourside Court contract talks show steady progress

Union local to meet on Saturday, September 30

First contract negotiations covering 18 HEU members employed by Arbourside Court in Surrey are showing steady progress, says the union's bargaining committee.

Since contract talks began on June 8, 2006 the union and the employer have reached agreement on several non-monetary issues including a grievance procedure, job postings, seniority and hours of work.

"We've had seven face-to-face meetings in the last three months," says HEU bargaining spokesperson Heather Compton. "At this point we've dealt with about 80 per cent of the non-monetary items currently on the bargaining table."

She says the parties will tackle wages and

other monetary issues when all the non-monetary language has been settled.

HEU members working for the independent living facility include housekeepers, dietary workers, care/activity aides, and receptionists.

The most recent bargaining sessions were held on September 12, 13, 21 and 22. Additional talks will be scheduled within the next few weeks.

Arbourside Court members are asked to attend the next meeting of their union local on Saturday, September 30, at 1pm at the Newton Waves Pool.

The meeting will include a full bargaining report and elections will be held to replace one member of the bargaining committee.

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