



Bargaining Bulletin

HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES' UNION

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Compass bargaining update: Provincial Health Services and Vancouver Island

Bargaining is finally underway for about 250 cleaning and dietary staff employed by Compass in the Provincial Health Services Authority. During the first day of bargaining – January 31, 2006 – the union tabled the majority of its non-monetary demands.

"It's too early to tell how the employer intends to proceed in this set of contract talks," says the union's bargaining spokesperson Heather Compton, "but it's our intention to proceed as quickly as possible to conclude a first collective agreement for our members, who have already waited several months for bargaining to begin."

The next scheduled bargaining dates are set for March 7 and 8. HEU's bargaining committee will be meeting again on February 17 to finalize the union's non-monetary demands and prepare for the next scheduled talks.

Our bargaining committee members represent patient and retail food as well as housekeeping staff at all three PHSA sites – Children's and Women's Hospital, Sunnyhill Hospital for Children and the BC Cancer Agency.

Vancouver Island Health Authority

And in the Vancouver Island Health Authority, about 40 HEU members employed by Compass

gathered in Victoria on January 28 to hold their first bargaining conference. Delegates named wages and workload issues as top priorities for a first collective agreement and elected a bargaining committee to represent the more than 700 dietary and cleaning workers employed by Compass at VIHA facilities.

"This was an excellent bargaining conference," says bargaining spokesperson Heather Compton. "Members are eager to get to the bargaining table and they're determined to secure a first collective agreement that recognizes their value to health care and addresses the huge challenges they face on the job."

The committee will be meeting February 28 and March 1 to finalize its bargaining proposals. Bargaining committee members are:

- Angie Charpentier**, Royal Jubilee Hospital
- Jamie Eggar**, Victoria General Hospital
- Tammi Grantham**, Mount Tolmie
- John Lyon**, Cowichan District General Hospital
- Heather Compton**, HEU's bargaining spokesperson

Alternates:

- Sandy Middlemiss**, Royal Jubilee Hospital
- Linda Robinson**, Priority

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