



# Bargaining Bulletin

HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES' UNION

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## Community health talks to move forward

**T**he multi-union community health bargaining association expects the Health Employers Association of BC and government to focus on a settlement for the sector's 13,000 workers now that there are several public sector tentative contracts in place – including the HEU facilities sub-sector and the BCGEU public sector agreements.

The unions say that bargaining will continue to concentrate on the key issues of employment security and a fair wage increase.

Meanwhile, despite slow-going on the weekend, the two sides did reach agreement

on a part of the employment security piece. Work opportunities have been expanded for care givers working for contracted agencies in circumstances where their employer may lose their contract.

In cases where affected employees aren't able to transfer to the new contracted agency, they will now have access to casual work directly with the health authority and will port their full seniority.

The two sides are expected to meet face-to-face again today.

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