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Last-ditch effort fails to achieve fair deal for Community Social Services workers

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Talks between the provincial government, employers and the nine unions representing community-based social services workers in B.C. collapsed March 30 following a “last-ditch” effort to reach an agreement.

Union bargaining representatives say the Community Social Services Employers’ Association refused to budge on key employment security issues which are critical for members facing job loss and displacement throughout the sector.

“Every day, our members are working under very difficult conditions to support those who require timely, stable, quality services,” says HEU secretary-business manager Judy Darcy. “They deserve an agreement that improves their working conditions and helps retain their skills and experience in a sector rocked by cutbacks.”

Strike votes are now underway at work sites across the province and are expected to conclude by the end of April.

At the same time, union representatives will continue to work on essential services staffing levels.

Community social services workers provide a wide range of assistance to people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds, including child care for families, employment and housing support for people with developmental disabilities, specialized services for immigrant and First Nations families, support for women dealing with violence, youth programs and much more.

HEU is one of nine unions representing CSS workers.

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