



HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES' UNION

# BARGAINING BULLETIN

PLEASE POST

## HEU members in community social services return clear strike mandate

Following more than 18 months of contract talks that broke down in late March, community social services workers across the province have voted 85 per cent in Community Living Services and 77 per cent in General Services to support job action.

The multi-union Community Social Services Bargaining Association (CSSBA), which bargains on behalf of all unionized workers in the sector, met for two days on May 27 and 28 to tally the votes and discuss next steps.

With a strike mandate in hand, the bargaining association is now working to establish essential services levels to make sure client health and safety is well-protected in the event of future job action.

“This strike mandate backs our principle demands for job security measures at a time when program cuts and group home closures are resulting in increased layoffs and the loss of critical services throughout the sector,” says HEU secretary-business manager Judy Darcy.

“It’s also a strong message to government and their employers to negotiate a collective agreement that improves members’ working conditions and brings greater stability to the community-based services that so many people depend on – whether they’re women in crisis, families, or people with developmental disabilities.”

Members are asked to make sure HEU has your up-to-date contact information and to watch the website and local bulletin boards for further developments.

Members are also asked to take a moment to send a “fair deal or no deal” message directly to B.C. Premier Christy Clark at <http://www.cssfairdeal.ca/>.

*May 30, 2011*

