



HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES' UNION

# BARGAINING BULLETIN

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## Contract talks now underway in Community Social Services sector

### *Proposals exchanged during first week of negotiations*

During week one of negotiations in the community social services sector, the unions' bargaining team and the employer reached agreement on a bargaining protocol.

The protocol determines the process the two parties will use to negotiate a new collective agreement for B.C.'s 15,000 unionized community social services workers.

The multi-union bargaining committee and the employer also exchanged proposals during the week-long talks, which commenced on February 27.

The next bargaining dates have been set for March 12 to 16.

Representatives of the multi-union bargaining committee say they are committed to achieving a fair deal at the bargaining table – one that respects and values members' work.

Although the Community Social Services collective agreement expires on March 31, 2012, all provisions will remain in force until a new agreement is ratified.

Members are asked to make sure the union has up-to date-contact information - especially home email and phone numbers – and to stay tuned for further updates from the bargaining table.

The Community Social Services Union Bargaining Association includes nine unions representing workers throughout the sector.

The Community Social Services Employers' Association represents 220 agencies.

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