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HEU to take strike vote in Community Health

HEU's Provincial Executive today approved strike votes for the union's 1,500 community health workers, after talks to renew the Community Health collective agreement adjourned last week.

After over eight long months at the bargaining table, health employers still refuse to budge on key issues.

The multi-union bargaining committee is seeking a strike mandate in order to send a clear message to the employer that community health workers are prepared to stand up for a fair and reasonable settlement.

"It's pretty simple: Our members deserve a fair and reasonable deal from health employers and it looks like we'll need a strike mandate to achieve this goal," says HEU secretary-business manager Bonnie Pearson.

Negotiations resumed for two weeks in Vancouver on August 15, but the government mandate continues to be a roadblock in reaching a fair and reasonable deal.

Although progress has been made on most non-monetary items, outstanding issues include wages and benefits.

The Community Bargaining Association represents more than 14,000 members who are members of HEU and five other unions. BCGEU represents the majority of workers in the sector.

HEU is now working out a schedule for strike votes and will provide this information to locals as soon as possible.

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