



HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES' UNION

# BARGAINING BULLETIN

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## Significant Community Living job action taking place next week

*Government must commit to improved funding for the sector*

Significant job action will take place in Community Living next week across British Columbia.

Please stay tuned for details when they are announced.

Workers will be contacted directly ahead of time if their agency or workplace is a target for job action. Members are reminded not to take job action unless directed to do so by your union.

The Community Social Services Bargaining Association (CSSBA) is escalating job action in an effort to put pressure on the B.C. government. After nearly a year of bargaining, the employer – the Community Social Services Employers Association – has not even made a monetary offer at the bargaining table.

This is because of the restrictive “co-operative gains” bargaining mandate imposed by government, which dictates that all public sector workers must find “savings” in their collective agreement to fund any wage increase.

CSSBA says it is escalating our job action “because we believe that the government must improve funding for all community-based social services, including a fair and reasonable wage increase for the caring professionals who deliver services in this sector.”

Front-line Community Living BC (CLBC) staff agree that additional funding is urgently needed to address the chronic program and support shortages in community living services.

This is a key finding from a recent survey of CLBC front-line staff conducted by the BCGEU.

More than half of all CLBC survey respondents said they were forced to make a budget-driven funding decision that caused them concern over the last year. More than 40 per cent had been required to cut services or supports that they considered necessary for their clients’ health, safety or well-being.

It takes only 30 seconds to tell the government to stop putting the squeeze on Community Social Services! Go to [www.cssfairdeal.ca/action](http://www.cssfairdeal.ca/action) to send an email to the Premier.

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