



HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES' UNION

BARGAINING BULLETIN

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Bargaining opens mid-May for members working in community health

With the community health collective agreement set to expire March 31, 2019, negotiations with the Health Employers Association of BC (HEABC) will begin May 15, 2018.

The existing contract between the Community Bargaining Association (CBA) and HEABC covers about 16,000 community health members working in facilities across the province.

“Bargaining gives us an important opportunity to address long-standing issues with the employer, such as retention and recruitment issues, unsafe working conditions and the need to bring community health members’ terms and conditions in line with the facilities subsector,” says HEU secretary-business manager Jennifer Whiteside.

“As part of the CBA, HEU members will play an important role at the table, and at their work sites, in pressing employers to make the changes needed to improve services for British Columbians and the working lives of our members.”

HEU is holding its community health bargaining conference on May 8 and 9, in Burnaby, where members will identify their priorities for this round of bargaining and elect their bargaining committee. Following the conference, bargaining priorities identified will be considered by the CBA before negotiations commence.

HEU represents about 2,300 community health workers in the sector. BCGEU is the lead union in the CBA which also includes UFCW 1518, HSA, CUPE, USWA, BCNU, and CLAC.

Members are asked to stay tuned to the union’s website at heu.org for further updates.

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