



HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES' UNION

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Bargaining set to begin mid-May in Community Social Services

The Community Social Services Bargaining Association (CSSBA) has agreed to begin negotiations with the Community Social Services Employers' Association of BC (CSSEA) on May 15.

Talks are aimed at concluding renewal collective agreements with members in Community Social Services (CSS).

Existing contracts, covering more than 15,000 members working in community social services across the province, expire in March 31, 2019. HEU represents about 1,500 members.

“This is a sector that is suffering a significant retention and recruitment crisis that must be addressed in this round of bargaining,” says HEU secretary-business manager Jennifer Whiteside.

“Our members are working under extremely difficult conditions to support some of the province’s most vulnerable populations, often at risk to their own health and safety. This has to change.”

HEU is holding its CSS bargaining conference on April 23 and 24 where members will identify priorities for this round of bargaining and elect a new bargaining committee. Prior to the commencement of bargaining, the CSSBA will meet to consider HEU members’ bargaining priorities.

The BCGEU is the lead union in the bargaining association consisting of 10 unions, who are HEU, CUPE, HSA, USW, UFCW, CSWU, CLAC, BCNU, and SEIU.

Community Social Services consist of three collective agreements, which are Community Living Services, General Services and Aboriginal Services.

Check our website for further updates at <https://www.heu.org/bargaining/bargaining-bulletins>

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