

CSS negotiations focus on occupational health and safety proposals

The Community Social Services Bargaining Association (CSSBA) has now concluded its third week of negotiations with the Community Social Services Employers' Association (CSSEA). The groups exchanged more proposals with a focus on occupational health and safety issues and concerns.

“The CSSBA identified workplace safety as a priority area for this round of bargaining,” says Andrea Duncan, BCGEU, chair of the Negotiating Committee. “Frontline workers in community-based agencies for example face some of the highest levels of violence on the job. We are asking for provisions in the new agreement that better empower workers to identify hazards and recommend solutions.”



“Our members have struggled for far too long with substandard compensation and benefits,” says Sheryl Burns, CUPE bargaining committee member. “We have heard our members and are committed to bringing forward their mandate in order to achieve a fair and improved collective agreement on behalf of community social service workers.”

To keep members up to date on negotiations, we have updated the *CSS Fair Deal* website where members can find bargaining updates and resources <<http://www.cssfairdeal.ca/>>.

The Community Social Services Bargaining Association is made up of 16,000 members working around the province and represented by the following unions: BCGEU, CUPE, HEU, HSA, CSWU, UFCW, USW, SEIU, CLAC and BCNU.

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