HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES' UNION NEWS RELEASE

MEDIA ADVISORY - REMINDER MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2013

Rally to save Crossroads Treatment Centre in Kelowna

On January 9, Crossroads Treatment Centre Society announced plans to phase out its detox and addiction counselling programs over the next three to six months despite high demand for those services.

That move would leave the Okanagan without any comprehensive detox and addiction services outside an acute care hospital setting.

The Society's board of directors cites inadequate funding from the Interior Health Authority (IHA) for the decision.

The Hospital Employees' Union says that the resulting gap in services would be unacceptable, and is urging the Society's board and the IHA to resolve the underlying funding issues to keep the doors open.

WHAT:

Save Crossroads Integrative Addiction Services rally (Crossroads Treatment Centre)

WHEN:

Tuesday, January 29 12:00 noon

WHERE:

Starting at:
MLA Norm Letnick's constituency office
101 – 330 Highway 33 West (Kelowna)
Ending with speeches at:
Crossroads Treatment Centre
123 Franklyn Road (at Hwy 33)

Speakers include representatives from HEU and BCGEU, local politicians, and Crossroads employees.

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