Several weeks since HSA’s representatives to the Nurses’ Bargaining Association (NBA) joined the NBA bargaining team in early contract talks with the Health Employers Association of BC (HEABC) to negotiate a new collective agreement, progress continues to be made.

HSA’s representatives at the bargaining table, member Nicole McIntosh, a registered psychiatric nurse at St. Paul’s Hospital in Vancouver, and staff negotiator Alyson Warner report that they continue to focus on key priorities for HSA’s 1100 registered psychiatric nurses.

Together, they have periodically met with their counterparts at the Health Employers Association of BC (HEABC) to discuss shared concerns. Conversations have focused on efforts to improve working conditions for nurses and address outstanding safety concerns in the workplace. All parties are actively working together to ensure progress is made during bargaining.

The negotiating team will head back in to talks next week, where the focus will shift to addressing workforce planning, staffing, and other issues significant to RPNs.

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