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Community Health Services & Support: Members to begin negotiations

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Representatives of HSAs Community Health Services & Support workers are set to begin talks with the employer January 23.

Delegates to a bargaining proposal meeting in October put wages and benefits at the top of the priority list. Members also directed their representatives to the bargaining table to seek improvements in vacation, anti-bullying language, job security, mileage rates and support for a transit subsidy, and professional development and education.

Delegates to the conference elected Kate Meier, a residential care worker at South Peace Child Development Centre, as their representative to the bargaining table. HSA Senior Labour Relations Officer Dani Demetlika will be HSAs lead negotiator. Linda Spenard, a mental health and addiction support worker at Columbian Centre Society was elected as the alternate representative.

Members of the expanded committee -- an HSA committee to provide advice and feedback to the bargaining committee members ... are:

• **Sharon Sawyer**, a child care assistant at Thompson Nicola Family Resource Society, and

• **Melanie St. George**, an environmental health clerk at North Shore Community Health Services.

Six hundred HSA members are covered by the Community Health collective agreement. HSA is a member of the union bargaining association, also called the Community Bargaining Association. The BC Government and Service Employees Union represents the majority of workers in the community health sector. The collective agreement expires in March 2012.

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