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## Community Social Services: First bargaining dates set for late February

January 27, 2012

Community social service workers across British Columbia are returning to the bargaining table. The current collective agreement expires on March 31, 2012.

The first dates for bargaining with the employer have now been set for the week of February 27.

HSAs bargaining representatives joined discussions at the bargaining associations strategy meeting this week. Delegates to HSAs community social services bargaining proposal conference in December elected Jody Moore ... family counsellor, Cameray Counselling Centre ... as their representative. Margaret Blair-Cook ... supported child development consultant, Central Okanagan Child Development Association ... is the alternate. They will be supported by labour relations officer Sharon Geoghegan.

Also elected to serve on the expanded HSA bargaining committee were:

• Joyce Pielou, child & family counsellor, Campbell River Family Services

• Marcia Eberl, womens counsellor, Victoria Womens Transition House Society

• Yvonne Adebar, infant development program consultant, Sources Infant Development Program

The Community Social Services Union Bargaining Association (CSSBA) represents all the unions certified by the BC Labour Relations Board to represent the 15,000 workers in the community social services sector in our province. The BCGEU is the largest union in the community social services sector. HSA, CUPE, & HEU, are among other unions representing members at this table.

There are 220 employers in community social services divided in three sectors: Community Living, General Services and Aboriginal Services.

The Community Social Services Employers Association represents all the employers in the sector.

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