



BULLETIN

Community Social Services: Talks break down in bargaining, strike vote begins next week | UPDATE: meeting dates

June 8, 2012

Talks broke down yesterday between the provincial government, employers and the ten unions representing BC's 15,000 community social services workers. As a result, there will be a strike vote for all unionized workers in the sector.

Outstanding issues include: wages, benefits, sick leave, reimbursable expenses and concessionary demands by the employer, including revisiting improvements gained in the last round of bargaining.

-Our members in this sector are asking for a fair and reasonable deal," said HSA President Reid Johnson. -We are asking members to support collective bargaining demands with a strike vote," he said.

-Please attend your strike vote meeting, and vote. HSAs Board of Directors strongly urges HSAs community social services workers to vote in favour of a strike. We need your voice to be heard by the provincial government.

-Workers in this sector are among the lowest paid in the public service. These are the professionals who care for BC's most vulnerable people. Community social service workers deserve fairness and respect," he said.

In light of the breakdown in talks, the unions involved in the talks have organized strike votes at worksites around the province. Strike vote meetings will begin next week, and meeting notices will be sent by separate notice. Information regarding the telephone town halls will follow.

The schedule of information briefings and balloting information will be posted on your union website. For more information and resources regarding Community Social Services bargaining, please visit www.cssfairdeal.ca

The Community Social Services Bargaining Association (CSSBA) is the multi-union bargaining committee for BC's unionized community social service workers. The CSSBA includes ten unions with a combined membership of about 15,000. HSA members are represented at the negotiating table by Jody Moore (parent support counsellor, Cameray Counselling Centre) and Sharon Geoghegan (labour relations officer).

The BCGEU is the largest union in the community social services sector. The bargaining association also includes HSA, CUPE, HEU, UFCW, and other unions.

The provincial government's Community Social Services Employers Association (CSSEA) represents 220 agencies in the sector.

[Printer-friendly version](#)

DATE	WORKSITE	COMMUNITY	LOCATION	MEETING TIMES	POLLS OPEN
Tuesday, June 12	SHARE Family & Community Services	Tri Cities (Port Coq/ Port Moody/Coquitlam)	Best Western 319 North Road Coquitlam	1:30pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm	11AM - 8PM
Wednesday, June 13	South Okanagan Women In Need Society	Penticton	Penticton Lakeside Resort 12 Lakeshore Drive W	11:00am, 1:30, 4:30, 7:00pm	11AM - 8PM
Thursday, June 14	Central Okanagan Child Development Association	Kelowna	Delta Grand Hotel 1310 Water Street, Kelowna	11:00am, 1:30, 4:30, 7:00pm	11AM - 8PM
Friday, June 15	Langley CDC	Langley	Sheraton Guilford 15269 - 104th Avenue Surrey	11:00am, 1:30, 4:30, 7:00pm	11AM - 8PM
Monday, June 18	Cameray Counselling	New Westminster	Centennial Community Ctr 65 East 6th Ave New Westminster	11:00am, 1:30, 4:30, 7:00pm	11AM - 8PM
Monday, June 18	Deltassist / Sources	Surrey / North Delta	Compass Point Inn 9850 King George Hwy Surrey	11:00am, 1:30, 4:30, 7:00pm	11AM - 8PM
Tuesday, June 19	Cameray Counselling	Burnaby	Holiday Inn 4405 Central Blvd Burnaby	11:00am, 1:30, 4:30, 7:00pm	11AM - 8PM
Wednesday, June 20	Sources	Ladner / South Delta	Delta Town & Country Highway 17 & 99 Delta	11:00am, 1:30, 4:30, 7:00pm	11AM - 8PM
Monday, June 25	John Howard FutureFocus Family Services Transition	CR CR Campbell River	Coast Discovery Inn 975 Shoppers Row	12:00noon, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm	12AM - 8PM
Tuesday, June 26	John Howard FutureFocus CV Transition	Courtenay	Westerly Hotel 1590 Cliffe Ave Courtenay	12:00noon, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm	12AM - 8PM
Wednesday, June 27	Haven Society John Howard	Nanaimo	Beban Park Community 2300 Bowen Road Nanaimo	11:00am, 1:30, 4:30, 7:00pm	11AM - 8PM
Thursday, June 28	Victoria Women's Transition	Victoria	St. Joseph's Hall 753 Burnside Rd. W	11:00am, 1:30, 4:30, 7:00pm	11AM - 8PM
Friday, June 29	Powell River Transition	Powell River	Town Centre Inn 4660 Joyce Street Powell River	12noon & 3pm	12 NOON - 4PM
TBA	Robson Valley Home Support	McBride	TBA	TBA	TBA
TBA	Nechako Valley Family Svcs	Vanderhoof	TBA	TBA	TBA

HSA's Community Social Service members are encouraged to contact the office by email at contract@hsabc.org if you have any questions or difficulty getting to the polls.

Type:

[Bulletins](#)

Topic:

[Community social services](#)

[Issues, Campaigns and Government Relations](#)

[Events](#)

- [Print](#)

- [PDF](#)

180 East Columbia
New Westminster, BC V3L 0G7

Website
www.hsabc.org

Telephone 604-517-0994
1-800-663-2017