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Community Health Services and Support strike vote: vote YES for a fair and reasonable contract

August 29, 2012

Talks to renew the Community Health Services and Support provincial contract have adjourned and the unions will be conducting a strike vote.

HSA President Reid Johnson said that after eight long months at the bargaining table, members in community health services and support deserve a fair and reasonable deal.

-These workers provide crucial services in many community settings," he said. -They are autism interventionists, child care assistants, and front line advocates for community health centres. They work as preschool teachers, residential care workers, in supported child care, as womens support workers at transition houses, and in mental health and addiction rehabilitation support. And much more."

Johnson urged community health services and support workers to vote YES to give the bargaining committee a strong mandate. -Voting YES will send a clear message to the government and to employers that were prepared to stand up for fairness."

Negotiations resumed for two weeks in Vancouver on August 15, but the government mandate continues to be a roadblock in reaching a fair and reasonable deal.

Although progress has been made on most non-monetary items, outstanding issues include wages and benefits.

The Community Bargaining Association represents more than 14,000 members, the majority of whom are represented by the BCGEU. Other unions at the table are HSA, UFCW, HEU, CUPE, and USWA.

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