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Community Health Services and Support: bargaining team meets to discuss next steps

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The Community Bargaining Association (CBA) ... representing 14,000 community health services and support workers ... met on October 18 to discuss next steps in trying to achieve a collective agreement with the Health Employers Association of British Columbia (HEABC).

No new bargaining dates have been set.

So far, significant progress has been made in resolving many of the non-monetary issues, including the renewal of many Memoranda of Understanding attached to the collective agreement, and improvements to the grievance and arbitration provisions.

Little progress has been made on compensation, but the CBA is working hard on members behalf to ensure a fair and reasonable wage offer.

The CBA will provide members with an update later this week.

HSA members represented by the Community Bargaining Association work in many crucial roles. They include autism interventionists, behavioural and child care assistants, employment placement specialists, family support workers, mental health and addiction support workers, preschool teachers, residential care workers, supported child care workers, and therapy aides.

The Community Bargaining Association represents more than 14,000 community health workers, including several hundred HSA members. The majority of CBA members are represented by the BCGEU. Other unions at the table are UFCW, CUPE, HEU and USWA.

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