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Community social services: Urgent bargaining meetings

Negotiations with community social service employers broke off in December. At this time of uncertainty, job cuts, and layoffs, employment security demands are the best opportunity we have to protect jobs and vital public community services. Yet employers are asking for concessions at the bargaining table and refuse to discuss employment security or improvements to your working conditions. There is no money for wages or benefits improvements.

Your bargaining committee urgently needs to hear members' thoughts about possible options and next steps.

Urgent membership meetings are being organized across BC in the coming weeks for all community based social services workers from all unions in the sector. Please make every effort to attend and advise your co-workers of the meetings.

HSA representatives will be available at these meetings to address your questions. An HSA representative will also contact Nechako and McBride stewards by phone.

Burnaby	Tuesday, January 25 5:30 pm	Hilton Hotel Metrotown 6083 McKay Avenue
Courtenay	Monday, January 31 4:00pm, 7:00pm	BCGEU North Island Area Office 201 - 910 Fitzgerald Avenue
Kelowna	Wednesday, Feb 2 4:00pm, 7:00pm	BCGEU Okanagan Area Office 214 - 3001 Tutt Street
Langley	Thursday, January 27 4:00pm, 7:00pm	BCGEU Fraser Valley Union Centre 8555 - 198A Street

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Nanaimo	Thursday, January 27 4:00pm, 7:00 pm	Coast Bastion Inn 11 Bastion Street
Penticton	Tuesday, February 1 4:00pm, 7:00 pm	Penticton Lakeside Resort 21 Lakeshore Drive West
Powell River	Tuesday, Feb 1 3:30pm, 5:30pm	Community Living Place 6831 Artaban Street
Surrey	Tuesday, February 8 4:00 pm; 6:00 pm	Compass Point Inn 9850 King George Hwy
Tri-Cities	Wednesday, Feb 9 4:00pm; 6:00 pm	Best Western Coquitlam Inn 319 North Road
Vancouver	Thursday, Feb 10 4:00pm; 6:00pm	HSA 300 - 5118 Joyce Street, across from Joyce Street SkyTrain Station
Victoria	Thursday, February 3 12:30pm; 4:30pm; 7:00pm	Royal Canadian Legion Pro Patria Branch 411 Gorge Road East
Victoria	Monday, February 7 4:00pm; 7:00pm	BCGEU Victoria Area Office / John T. Shields Building 2994 Douglas Street <i>North of Burnside Road</i>