



memorandum

TO: Chief Stewards at:
Future Focus
Campbell River Family Services
John Howard Society of North Island
Campbell River Transition House
Comox Valley Transition Society

cc: Lynn Kelsey, Chair, HSA bargaining committee for community social services
Suzanne Bennett, Region 1 Director
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DATE: February 14, 2011

SUBJECT: Additional member meetings in Campbell River and Courtenay

As you are aware, 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 the Community Social Services Employers' Association (CSSEA) is 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 from members; community social service workers across the province have been meeting to discuss next steps.

HSA has organized two additional meetings in the north island to canvass members' opinions.

These meetings will be held:

- Campbell River, February 21, noon-1pm
Maritime Heritage Centre, 621 Island Highway, Campbell River
Thulin Room (brown bag meeting)
- Courtenay, February 21, 5pm-6pm
BCGEU office: 201-910 Fitzgerald Avenue, Courtenay

HSA representatives will be available at these meetings to address your questions. Please make every effort to attend, and advise your co-workers of the meetings.

