



HSA PRESIDENT AVERY SAYS SUMMIT ON VIOLENCE "A GOOD START"

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HSA President Val Avery said she is pleased to have attended today's BC government summit on violence in the health care system. The summit, hosted by Health Minister Terry Lake in response to Avery's recent call for action, included representatives from other health care unions, health authorities, occupational health and safety experts and other industry stakeholders.

"Violence has affected health care workers and their patients for years," said Avery. "Today we made a good start towards working in a coordinated way to improve how we prevent violence in health care settings. I thank Minister Lake for taking up my call to action and inviting a wide range of health care workers, management and specialists to exchange frank ideas about the scope of the problem, and pathways to prevention.

"Solving this problem will take more than a one-day meeting, and I look forward to working with all our partners in health care to make meaningful progress in the months to come. Our members, and their patients, deserve to feel safe in the place they come to heal, and be healed. Let's get to work, and make that happen."

- [Read Val Avery's December 11 call to action](#)
- [Read more about the government's response to HSA's call to action](#)
- [Read today's news release from BC's Ministry of Health](#)

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