



Shown above is the majority of the 2018 CSSBA bargaining team.

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CSSBA focuses week on occupational health and safety proposals

The Community Social Services Bargaining Association (CSSBA) has now concluded its third week of negotiations with the Community Social Services Employers' Association (CSSEA). The groups exchanged more proposals with a focus on occupational health and safety issues and concerns.

"The CSSBA identified workplace safety as a priority area for this round of bargaining," says Andrea Duncan, Chair of the Negotiating Committee. "Frontline workers in community-based agencies for example face some of the highest levels of violence on the job. We are asking for provisions in the new agreement that better empower workers to identify hazards and recommend solutions."

Bargaining committee members are committed to bringing forward the mandate developed by members covered by the collective agreement in order to achieve a fair and improved contract on behalf of community social service workers.

HSA members are represented at the bargaining table by staff negotiator Sharon Geoghegan and Kerry Hammell, a youth and family counsellor at John Howard Society.

The Community Social Services Bargaining Association is made up of 16,000 members working around the province and represented by the following unions: BCGEU, CUPE, HEU, HSA, CSWU, UFCW, USW, SEIU, CLAC and BCNU.