

COALITION BARGAINING COMMUNIQUE #10



The Tri-Union Coalition met with representatives from SAHO and the Health Regions today, to hear their response to our request for SAHO to withdraw their final offer and to begin a process of good faith collective bargaining so as to achieve an agreement that is fair and acceptable to our membership.

SAHO indicated they were unwilling to 'negotiate' with our Tri-Union Coalition but provided an addendum to their final offer. Frankly, their addendum did not include significant improvements. Very modest language changes have been made – but they still do not address ANY of the equity issues *you have* identified: shift & weekend premiums, professional fees, etc. **True** collective bargaining means the parties negotiate in good faith to the conclusion of a tentative agreement. We do not have a negotiated tentative agreement to take out for a ratification vote, but we continue to work towards getting one.

The next step for the unions' will be to meet with our respective bargaining committees, thoroughly review the document and respond on behalf of our membership. We have heard your voices loud and clear over the last few weeks; "fairness" and "equity" continue to be priorities for front-line healthcare workers.

We continue to urge you to contact the Minister of Health immediately and demand that the Sask Party government send SAHO back to the bargaining table with a mandate to negotiate a fair and equitable collective agreement for health care providers. We believe it is important that the government hear about the unfairness of SAHO's position directly from health care providers. The contact information for Minister Don McMorris is Toll Free 1-877-337-3366 or email: dmc Morris@mla.legassembly.sk.ca

We thank you for your continued support.

In Solidarity,

On Behalf of the Coalition Bargaining Committee (SGEU, CUPE and SEIU-West)

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