

CUPE HEALTH CARE COUNCIL



BARGAINING COMMUNIQUÉ # 13

April 22, 2005

CUPE continued negotiations with SAHO on April 19, 20 and 21 in Saskatoon. The focus of our negotiations this round was the restructuring of Articles 23 and 24 and tabling language to address workplace reorganization and technological change. The committee also tabled proposals on occupational health and safety and harassment language.

An interesting development since the parties last met has been the settlement offered to the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation. While the government has obviously made the decision to move off their provincial mandate of 0-1-1, SAHO insists that, until they hear otherwise, that mandate will be applied to CUPE.

CUPE members may have noticed a change to their pay in the last pay period. This increase reflects the Joint Job Evaluation rates coming into effect for the health provider unions. This is not an economic increase or the provincial wage mandate. This is money that has long been denied our members as a result of gender-based wage discrimination in our workplaces. Please refer to the April 1, 2005 memo sent by the health provider unions regarding Joint Job Evaluation and Wage Adjustments.

The next bargaining dates are May 16 – 18 in Saskatoon.

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