

**Margaret Mukakigeli: Shameful lack of care for healthcare**

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Dear CUPE Health Care Council:

SAHO has recently offered us healthcare workers a shameful final offer. An offer that is designed to cause mass resignations, if we do not do something drastic. I am very upset by numerous things in their package: they have honestly showed us that we are worthless, that we do not deserve the same dollar amount as the nurses, nurses who without aides would be absolutely lost.

Both the government of Sask. and SAHO are stubborn and refusing to recognize the backbone of healthcare facilities are its frontline workers, it is a sad year in our province. SAHO and their multi-site proposal is only a means of creating chaos in an already chaotic situation. Numerous things will happen; young mothers who chose to work at the sites they are working currently will have no work because of lack of child care arrangement, older parents who may not be drivers will quit as they will not be able to afford transportation to various sites.

SAHO is providing no choice for workers and forgetting that we live in a democratic society where people choose where they live and work. Most importantly, the clients' quality of care will suffer. Many facilities brag about their provision of quality care. That quality will be lost if workers have to go to many sites to provide care to clients who do not recognize their faces, especially if they are older clients.

SAHO and the Government don't care about healthcare workers and this is a bloody shame.

In solidarity,

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