

November 28, 2009

Dear Mr. Boyd;

I am writing to let you know that I am very upset with the state of bargaining between SAHO and the Health Care unions. SAHO is treating their workers like pawns in a game and this IS NOT A GAME, THIS IS MY LIFE!!

I have worked as an SCA for twelve years and I pride myself in doing a hell of a good job. I love the seniors I care for but it's getting harder and harder every day to go to work when SAHO says they are offering a "competitive" agreement. Their offer is TERRIBLE. They do not appreciate the work we do every day with Saskatchewan seniors or people with brain injuries who can't care for themselves or who have dementia and can't remember what you told them two minutes ago and need constant reassurance. Or who have infections and sores that can be pretty scary.

SAHO's recruitment and retention are a laugh, any of my co-workers who can are retiring and others like myself are looking for work where at least our employer will appreciate us!! And believe me in Saskatchewan today it won't be hard to find employment where the employer is actually glad you are there.

SAHO talks about us as though we are a dime a dozen, have they talked to the families of those we care for?? Because boy oh boy ours is not an easy job and if SAHO appreciated us as much as those families do, it would be easy to stay.

Please remind SAHO that your constituents value our residents in long term care AND that they value those who work with our residents day in and day out.!!!

Sincerely,

Sharon Del Frari