

COALITION BARGAINING COMMUNIQUE #9



SASKATOON — The Tri-Union Coalition met with representatives from SAHO and the Health Regions today. The Tri-Union Coalition asked 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.

The Tri-Union Coalition stated that we wish to recommence negotiations. We shared our concerns and identified what we see as barriers to obtaining a collective agreement. We listened to SAHO's concerns and indicated to them where we saw that agreement may be reached.

The meeting ended with an understanding that SAHO needed to go back and discuss alternatives with their principals. We await their reply over the course of the next several days.

We 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.

The contact information for Minister Don McMorris is Toll Free 1-877-337-3366 or email: dmcmorris@mla.legassembly.sk.ca

We thank you for your continued support and interest in this process.

In Solidarity,

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