

CUPE Health Care Council Bargaining Update #18 – October 30, 2009

Your bargaining committee met with SAHO and Employer representatives over the course of this week and have the following to report:

OCTOBER 26 RALLY

CUPE, SEIU and SGEU held a rally at the Saskatchewan Legislature on Monday to protest the lack of respect and progress at the bargaining table. About 500 members attended from around the province.

The NDP Opposition asked very relevant questions concerning health care in the Legislature during question period.

The media reported on our successful rally and how essential services legislation has negatively affected our negotiations with SAHO and the Government. A VERY SUCCESSFUL DAY!!

BARGAINING

On Wednesday the Union made an offer to SAHO and the Employers to withdraw all CUPE exclusive issues and proceed to the Coalition table if they would do the same. They considered our proposal for the rest of the day, all day Thursday and until 1:30 pm on Friday. Their answer was NO.

Unfortunately, we believe some form of job action is becoming completely necessary. We will be consulting with SEIU and SGEU and be communicating with you in the very near future.

This is an awful way to celebrate your health care providers week.

NO DIGNITY, NO RESPECT

In Solidarity,

Your CUPE Health Care Bargaining Committee

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