

Job evaluation deal ratified

Regina: The Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), Service Employees International Union (SEIU) and Saskatchewan Government and General Employees Union (SGEU) are pleased to announce the results of the recent ratification vote regarding the Joint Job Evaluation Agreement reached with the Saskatchewan Association of Health Organizations (SAHO) with the assistance of the Government of the Province of Saskatchewan.

The 25,000 members of the respective unions have voted overwhelmingly in favour of the deal.

“This is a historic day for Saskatchewan health care support workers,” said Stephen Foley, President of the CUPE Health Care Council. “Women have finally achieved equal pay for work of equal value with their male counterparts. The agreement also eliminates hundreds of internal wage parity inequities within Regional Health Authorities.”

While Foley congratulated the Government for their assistance in concluding this agreement, he urged them to pass provincial pay equity legislation so women in all occupational sectors can achieve similar fairness in the workplace.

“We wouldn’t tolerate wage discrimination if it was based on race, colour or religion,” Foley said. “Why is it allowed to continue when it is based on gender?”

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