

CUPE health care conference begins in Yorkton on Wednesday

Yorkton: Health care workers represented by the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) are gathering in Yorkton this week for their annual conference.

About 160 CUPE special care aides, licensed practical nurses, dietary staff, technologists and other health providers from five health regions are expected to participate in the two-day conference, which opens Wednesday morning at Yorkton's Best Western Parkland Inn.

"The conference provides an important opportunity for our members to discuss the challenges they are facing working on the front line of our health care system," says Gordon Campbell, President of the CUPE Health Care Council.

"Members will also get a change to talk about their new collective agreement concluded with the Saskatchewan Association of Health Organizations (SAHO) earlier this year."

This year's conference line-up includes a presentation by Julie White on the need for a national, publicly funded prescription drug plan and a report from the CUPE Provincial Privatization and Contracting-Out Committee on the state of public health care in Saskatchewan.

The election of CUPE Health Care Council table officers will take place on Thursday.

The conference is open to the media.

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