



Standing together for a fair deal: HEU bargainers from across the support service sector were on hand to show their solidarity with their Compass sisters and brothers who kicked-off negotiations on May 24.

HEU opens bargaining in contracted support service sector

On May 24 and 25, bargaining officially got underway for the first of 13 collective agreements between HEU members and four multinational contractors who provide support service across three health authorities.



United we stand: GF Strong facilities local members sticker-up May 23 in support of support service workers.

HEU members who work for Compass Group in Vancouver Coastal Health Authority and Providence Health Care are the first group of workers from the sector to enter into negotiations for their first collective agreement. Discussions with the employer made some progress on several issues.

Bargaining is set to resume in mid-August.

Leading up to talks with Compass, HEU members took part in two actions in support of bargaining. On May 23, hundreds of HEU members at many work sites wore stickers that backed support service member demands and their negotiators.

Then on the morning of May 24, HEU secretary-business manager Jennifer Whiteside along with over 35 bargaining team members from all four employer groups made a show of solidarity, letting Compass know how important these negotiations are for the 4,000-plus HEU members in the sector. Even though Compass refused to meet with the larger group, the message from these members, who work for Acciona, Aramark, Compass-Marquise and Sodexo, was loud and clear.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Bargaining resumes August 16 when the Compass VCHA-PHC bargaining team gets back to the table for two days of talks.

In addition, opening rounds of bargaining for other support service units are now set for August and September.

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