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CUPE walks away from the bargaining table

The Saskatchewan Association of Health Organizations (SAHO) regrets to advise that CUPE has walked away from collective bargaining meetings and placed conditions on proceeding with further negotiations. Meetings were scheduled for today until Friday, December 12.

CUPE has stated they are not prepared to continue negotiations without a monetary proposal. SAHO has been negotiating separately with the three unions representing the health sector provider group, CUPE, SEIU and SGEU, on non-monetary proposals. Once the parties have agreed to non-monetary proposals, a common bargaining table is held to negotiate the monetary proposals. This process is followed because each union has language unique to their respective collective agreement, but the wages are the same for all three.

“SAHO is committed to negotiating a fair and reasonable collective agreement with CUPE, and the other provider unions. Our objective is to work with the provider unions so that we have the right people, in the right place, at the right time, to provide quality health care to the residents of Saskatchewan. We need to have CUPE at the bargaining table to continue that process,” explained Susan Antosh, CEO of SAHO.

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