



**CUPE National Convention Health Care Sector Meeting and LPN/RPN Session
Vancouver Convention Centre, West Building, Rooms 109 - 110
October 30, 2011**

Sector Meeting: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Objectives

1. Report on activities of the Health Care Issues Committee.
2. Share the challenges facing health care locals across Canada and how we're tackling them.
3. Learn about the Health Accord negotiations and what is at risk.
4. Discuss health care resolutions and identify priorities.

AGENDA

1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Equality Statement, Introductions, and Agenda

Report of the CUPE National Health Care Issues Committee (HCIC)

Reports on major issues and campaigns for our health care locals across Canada

1:45 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Federal-Provincial Health Accord

1. Setting the context

Michael Hurley, OCHU President and NEB liaison to the HCIC, will give an overview of the Health Accord, campaigns for its renewal in 2014, and what is at risk

Adrian Dix, BC NDP Leader, will provide his perspective on the Health Accord negotiations and opportunities to influence the direction and outcome

International context: Eleanor Smith, UNISON President, will speak on the fight to save the British National Health Service

2. Discussion

How does the Health Accord relate to us: to our membership, our patients/residents/clients, and our families/communities?

What do we need to do as a union to advance progressive health reform in the context of the Health Accord negotiations?

2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Break

3:00 p.m. - 3:50 p.m.

Review the health care resolutions submitted to Convention

Prioritize the resolutions (using an exercise called dotmocracy, where delegates indicate the top priorities for their local/division/council)

Discussion on the resolutions

Practical Nurses' Session: 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Raids and other threats to Licensed/Registered Practical Nurses and CUPE fight backs

CUPE's Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) and Registered Practical Nurses (RPNs) are experiencing increased resistance to the development of their profession. Registered Nurse unions in some provinces are raiding CUPE, and in many places they are aggressively challenging the increased utilization of LPNs/RPNs. This session is a chance for delegates to hear about key campaigns and discuss issues of concern to LPNs/RPNs.

From this session, we aim to:

- Hear from Hospital Employees' Union/CUPE LPNs about the BC Nurses' Union raid;
- Share information about the ways in which CUPE RPNs/LPNs are under threat in other provinces;
- Discuss strategies to protect the right of LPNs/RPNs to be members of HEU/ CUPE and to work to full utilization, and;
- Develop solidarity.