

# Stronger Together



**CUPE National Health Care Sector Meeting**  
October 20-22, 2010 in Victoria, British Columbia

## Draft Agenda

### Tuesday October 19, 2010 - Day 1

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**5:00 p.m.**  
**until**                      **Registration**  
**9:00 p.m.**

### Wednesday October 20, 2010 - Day 2

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**8:00 a.m.**                      **Registration**

**9:00 a.m.**                      **Welcome, Introductions and Agenda Overview**

**9:45 a.m.**                      **Panel Discussion: Setting the Context**

Moderator: To be determined

CUPE activists will identify some of the key challenges and campaigns being waged in the health care sector. The panel will include five members from different sub-sectors and regions.

**11:00 a.m.**                      **BREAK**

**11:15 a.m.**                      **Workshops: Setting the Context (Sub-Sector Groups)**

Workshops will be organized by sub-sectors (hospitals, emergency medical services, long-term care, Aboriginal health organizations, and other types of workplaces).





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1. Identify major trends in the health care sector.
2. Identify impacts of those trends, on workers and CUPE, on patients/residents/clients, and on communities.
3. Identify underlying factors, different groups' interests, and patterns.
4. Identify opportunities in these trends, and how CUPE is tackling them.
5. Inspire hope, confidence, and solidarity.

**12:30 p.m.**

**LUNCH**

**2:00 p.m.**

**Panel Discussion: Medicare Sustainability - Facts and Myths**

Moderator: *Erica Johnson*, co-host of CBC Television's Marketplace

Canadians are being told that public health care financing is not sustainable, and that the solution is more privatization. Speakers will present the facts on resource and spending trends and propose ways to keep public health care sustainable.

*Dr. Robert Evans*, Health Economist, University of British Columbia

*Natalie Mehra*, Director, Ontario Health Coalition

*Dr. Damien Contandriopoulos*, Associate Professor, Faculty of Nursing and Research, School of Public Health Research Institute, University of Montreal

*Dr. Robert Woollard*, Family Physician, Canadian Doctors for Medicare

**3:00 p.m.**

**BREAK**

**3:15 p.m.**

**Workshops: Setting the Context (Occupational Groups)**

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**4:30 p.m.**

**Adjournment**

**8:30 p.m.**

**Social Event with the "Full Moon" band**





## Thursday October 21, 2010 - Day 3

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**7:45 - 8:45 a.m. Global Justice Breakfast (tentative)**

**9:00 a.m. Touching base**

Review agenda for day 2  
Reports from day 1 workshops

**9:30 a.m. Panel Discussion: Protecting and Expanding Medicare**

Moderator: **Judy Darcy**, Secretary-Business Manager, HEU

Speakers will describe health care privatization trends and ways to improve the public health care system.

**Natalie Mehra**, Director, Ontario Health Coalition on *privatization developments with pan-Canadian significance*

**Dr. Damien Contandriopoulos**, Associate Professor, Faculty of Nursing and Research, School of Public Health Research Institute, University of Montreal, on *privatization developments in Quebec and public solutions*

**Jennifer Whiteside**, Researcher, CUPE, on *CUPE's vision for better seniors' care*

**Julie White**, Researcher, Canadian Energy and Paperworkers Union, on *pharmacare*

**11:00 a.m. BREAK**

**11:15 a.m. Workshops: Strategies and Solutions**

Workshops will be organized by issue - for example, privatization, long-term care, health and safety, and other topics identified through the registration process and on-site.

Up to this point in the sector meeting, we will have identified and analyzed major trends, touching on CUPE and ally strategies in this environment. In day two workshops, we'll delve deeper into campaign strategies, identifying our solutions, how we are advancing those solutions, and how we can strengthen our campaigns.





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2. Build solidarity in the sector - develop the capacity of health care locals, councils and communities to work together.
3. Build on our solidarity to meet crucial battles.

**LUNCH**

**2:30 p.m. Keynote Speaker — Lessons from England**

*Frank Dobson*, Labour MP representing a constituency on London, England and former Secretary of State for Health

**3:15 p.m. Plenary**

Reports from morning workshops  
Overview of afternoon workshops

**3:30 p.m. BREAK**

**3:45 p.m. Workshops: Strategies and Solutions**

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**5:15 p.m. Adjournment**





## Friday October 22, 2010 - Day 4

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- 9:00 a.m.** Overview of the morning's agenda  
Cultural performance by poet **Joanne Arnott**
- 9:30 a.m.** **Panel Discussion: Stronger Together – Building our Movement**  
Moderator: **Adrian Dix**, BC NDP Health Critic
- Mobilizing Youth on Medicare  
**Kaitlin Pelletier**, Co-Director, *Check Your Head*: Youth Global Education Network  
**Adam Lynes-Ford**, Medicare Campaigner, BC Health Coalition
- Living Wage Campaigns  
**Cora Mojica**, HEU member, HEU living wage campaign
- 10:15 a.m.** Reports from day 2 workshops  
Plenary discussion
- 11:00 a.m.** **Conversation with the National Officers**  
Questions and Answers with the National Officers
- 11:45 a.m.** **Closing Remarks**  
**Claude Généreux**, National Secretary-Treasurer, CUPE
- Noon** **Adjournment**

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