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HILLCREST PLACE EMPLOYEES RATIFY TENTATIVE AGREEMENT

Brandon – Employees at Hillcrest Place Personal Care Home in Brandon, represented by CUPE Local 2526 have ratified a new collective agreement on March 18, 2014. A strike mandate was achieved on March 11th, following four days of meetings with a provincial Conciliation Officer, and was set to commence today.

CUPE National Representative Glenda Smith says, “The bargaining committee worked extremely hard to achieve a fair contract, we are proud of their accomplishments throughout this difficult round of bargaining”.

The primary outstanding issues included wage parity with other personal care homes in Brandon, as well as addressing the ongoing issue of “working short-staffed”.

“The new agreement helps to close the gaps between Hillcrest Place and other long-term care facilities in the Regional Health Authorities” states Smith, “while there is still work to be done, our members are satisfied with the new contract”.

The Canadian Union of Public Employees represents approximately 25,000 public sector workers in the Province of Manitoba, in health care, education, crown corporations, airlines, social services and childcare, and municipalities.

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