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### **CUPE Health members have their say**

Bill 29 ratification votes for CUPE Health Sector members in the Community Bargaining Association (CBA) and the Health Science Professionals Bargaining Association (HSPBA) were completed yesterday.

CUPE members in Locals 15, 4816 and 3495 accepted the CBA Bill 29 settlement.

CUPE members in Locals 15, 1978 and 4816 unanimously rejected the HSPBA settlement.

Membership present at the meetings expressed anger and frustration at government's continuing heavy handedness in forcing contracting out on the health sector but believe that the CBA agreement provides CUPE with tools to reduce harm to members in the future.

CUPE HSPBA members were strong in their belief that the HSPBA agreement does not provide such tools. CUPE [recommended rejection](#) of this tentative agreement.

Members expressed appreciation that CUPE had brought the agreements to them for ratification.

CUPE represents almost 1,000 health workers, including addiction counsellors, physiotherapists, speech language pathologists and clerical support workers, who are affected by these agreements negotiated with the provincial government aimed at implementing the June 2007 Supreme Court of Canada ruling on Bill 29.

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