

# SUN NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE

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Since our last update, published in the December 2013 issue of SUNSpots, the Provincial Negotiations Committee has taken the opportunity to reflect on the feedback and discussion presented during the 2013 Bargaining Conference. The Committee met in January 2014, to discuss the development of the proposals package and the impact of the ever changing political and healthcare environment. The Committee took a much needed break in February and feeling recharged met briefly mid-month (March) to continue the work initiated in January.

In February 2014, SUN issued our Notice of Intent to Bargain with SAHO, with the scheduling of dates for bargaining still in negotiations. Currently, we are looking to secure dates in April 2014.

In addition, preliminary discussions are under way with the Ministry of Health to explore the opportunity to negotiate a renewed Tripartite Agreement. For SUN, a renewed Tripartite Agreement would capture the 1,000 FTE registered nurse positions (with the necessary funding attached) secured through the original partnership, plus new targets for baseline staffing, and research and evidence influenced guidelines to base changes to model of care decisions on.

SUN members are encouraged to keep an eye on SUN's website, Facebook and Twitter accounts, as well as your emails for future updates from the Negotiations Committee.