

Coalition of Prince Edward Island Health Unions

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The Coalition of Health Unions has requested a Meeting with the Premier and the Health Minister regarding the “Paramedicine Pilot Project”

Charlottetown – “The Coalition of Prince Edward Island Health Unions (IUOE, PEINU, UPSE & CUPE) sent a letter to Premier Ghiz and the Health Minister (The Honourable Carolyn Bertram) yesterday, requesting a meeting as soon as practicable to discuss the government’s announcement this past Wednesday, April 28th regarding the implementation of a Home Care Support pilot project in Tignish,” says Bill McKinnon, CUPE Provincial Health Care Coordinator and Representative for Island EMS Paramedics (members of CUPE Local 3324).

“The Coalition of Health Unions met yesterday, to discuss concerns we all have with this proposed project, and the lack of consultation with Union stakeholders.”

Home Care Support work is presently performed on Prince Edward Island by Registered Nurses under the PEI Nurses’ Union, as well as Licensed Practical Nurses, Resident Care Workers and Home Support Workers under the PEI Union of Public Sector Employees. Neither of these groups had any input or knowledge of this project either.

“An e-mail was also sent yesterday to the Official Opposition, requesting a meeting with them as well, and we hope to hear from them soon,” concluded McKinnon.

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