

# **COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT**

# **BETWEEN**

# HOME SWEET HOME CARE AGENCY INC.

# **AND**

# NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EMPLOYEES

Expiry: March 31, 2024

THIS AGREEMENT made this day of two Thousand and Twenty;	, Anno Domini,					
BETWEEN:						
HOME SWEET HOME CARE AGENCY INC.						
of the one part;						
AND						

THE NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EMPLOYEES, a body corporate organized and existing under the laws of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador and having its registered office in the City of St. John's aforesaid (hereinafter called the "Union");

of the other part:

**THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH** that for and in consideration of the premises and covenants, conditions, stipulations, and provisos herein contained, the parties hereto agree as follows:

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#### ARTICLE 1 PURPOSE

1:01 The purpose of this Agreement is to maintain harmonious and mutually beneficial relationships between the Employer, the employees and the Union and to set forth certain terms and conditions of employment.

#### ARTICLE 2 RECOGNITION

2.01 The Employer recognizes the Union as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for all classes of employees listed in Schedule A.

## 2.02 Inclusions/Exclusions

In the event of the creation of a new classification during the term of this Agreement, the Employer agrees to consult with the Union as to whether such classification should be included in the bargaining unit. Should the parties be unable to agree, the matter shall be referred to the Labour Relations Board.

# 2.03 Work of the Bargaining Unit

Employees not covered by the terms of this agreement will not perform duties normally assigned to employees within the bargaining unit except for the purpose of instruction, experimenting, emergencies or when regular employees are not readily available, or as may otherwise be mutually agreed by the parties.

# 2.04 No Other Agreements

No employees shall be required or permitted to make a written or verbal agreement with the Employer or its representative which may conflict with the terms of this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE 3 MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

The Union recognizes and agrees that the Employer reserves and retains all the rights, powers and authority to manage its operations and to direct its employees, except as specifically abridged or modified by the express provisions of this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE 4 INTERPRETATION AND DEFINITIONS

4.01 (a) "Bargaining Unit" means the bargaining unit recognized in accordance with Article 2.

- (b) "Client" means any person or persons in which the Employer provides a service.
- (c) "Contacted" means a documented attempt by the Employer to establish communications with an employee by using the contact information provided to the Employer by the employee.
- (d) "Day" means a calendar day unless otherwise stipulated in this Agreement.
- (e) "District(s)", as set out in Schedule B, indicates the geographic area(s) in which the employee chooses to work.
- (f) "Employee or Employees" means any person employed in a position which falls within the bargaining unit.
- (g) "Employer" means Home Sweet Home Care Agency Inc. and includes any person authorized by the owner/operator to act on its behalf.
- (h) "Holiday" means the twenty-four (24) hour period commencing at 0001 hours of a calendar day designated as a holiday in this Agreement.
- "Layoff Notice" means a notice in writing which is delivered by hand or registered mail or delivered via electronic mail with delivery confirmation.
- (j) "Shift" means the normal consecutive working hours scheduled for each employee which occurs in any twenty-four (24) hour period. The maximum number of hours in any one shift shall be twelve (12) hours. The twenty-four (24) hour period may encompass two (2) calendar days.
- (k) "Union" means Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Public and Private Employees.
- (I) "Week" means the period from 0001 hours Sunday to 2400 hours the following Saturday, inclusive.
- (m) "Year" means the calendar year unless otherwise provided.

#### 4.02 Gender

For the purpose of this Agreement, the masculine shall be deemed to include the feminine and the plural indicate the singular and vice versa as the context may require.

#### 4:03 <u>Administration</u>

In the event that there is a conflict between this Agreement and any regulations or policies made by the Employer, this Agreement shall take precedence over the said regulations or policies.

# ARTICLE 5 UNION SECURITY

# 5.01 (a) Deduction of Union Dues

The Employer shall, as a condition of employment, deduct from the biweekly pay of every member of the bargaining unit an amount equal to the regular bi-weekly membership dues of the Union.

# (b) Notification of Deductions

The amount of the regular dues shall be authorized by the Union and the Union shall notify the Employer of any changes therein in writing at least one (1) month prior to the effective date of such change.

#### 5.02 \* Remittance of Union Dues

Deductions shall be forwarded to the President of the Union by one monthly cheque within a reasonable time after the end of the month in which the deductions were made. The Employer shall provide to the Union a list in a secured electronic format compatible with Microsoft Excel which shall include the employee's full name, Social Insurance Number, mailing address, phone numbers, classification and the amount deducted on the employee's behalf. This list shall also include any additions and deletions that occurred in the previous month.

# 5:03 Shop Stewards

The Employer acknowledges the right of the Union, to appoint or elect Shop Stewards on a ratio of 1:20 or part thereof. The Union shall notify the Employer, in writing, of the name of the Shop Steward before the Employer shall be required to recognize him/her.

# 5.04 <u>Union Leave for Processing Grievances and Complaints</u>

(a) If it is necessary to schedule a grievance meeting during a grievor's scheduled shift, the time spent shall be without loss of pay for the grievor and one (1) Shop Steward provided that such time off does not interfere with the operations of the Employer. Employees requesting such leave must obtain permission from the Employer prior to leaving his/her post and must report to the Employer immediately upon his/her return. Such permission will not be unreasonably withheld.

- (b) In the case of a group grievance, one (1) employee from the group will be entitled to such leave under the conditions specified in Clause 5.04 (a).
- (c) The Employer shall not be required to pay the grievor or Local Union representatives for time spent at arbitration hearings.

# 5.05 New Employees

- (a) The Employer will notify the Union of the name, address and telephone number of each new employee, and of all new hires. Employer will also provide any address changes for employees.
- (b) The Employer will:
  - advise each new employee that the terms and conditions of his/her employment are governed by the provisions contained in a Collective Agreement;
  - (ii) provide the employee with a copy of the Collective Agreement from among those provided to the Employer by the Union for that purpose;
  - (iii) provide the employee with contact information for the Shop Steward or any other Union representative that the Union wants the employee to have;
  - (iv) provide the employee with a Union card provided such cards are provided to the Employer by the Union.

#### 5.06 Bulletin Boards

The Employer shall provide a bulletin board for the use of the Union. The site of the bulletin board will be determined by mutual agreement. It is agreed that such a bulletin board will not be erected in areas normally frequented by clients. Articles, circulars, memos, etc. dealing with Union business will only be posted on the designated bulletin board.

#### ARTICLE 6 NO DISCRIMINATION

6.01 The Employer agrees that there shall be no discrimination with effect to any employee in the matter of hiring, wage rates, training, upgrading, promotion, transfer, layoff, recall, discipline, classification, discharge, assignment of work, or otherwise by reason of age, race, creed, colour, national origin, political or religious affiliation, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, physical disability, mental disability, political opinion, nor by reasons of

his/her membership or activity in the Union as per the Newfoundland and Labrador Human Rights Code.

#### ARTICLE 7 SEXUAL AND PERSONAL HARASSMENT

7.01 The Employer and the Union recognize the right of employees to work in an environment free from harassment as defined in the Newfoundland and Labrador Human Rights Code. The Employer shall undertake to investigate alleged occurrences of harassment with all possible dispatch.

## ARTICLE 8 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

## 8.01 <u>Definition</u>

A Grievance means a complaint in writing presented in accordance with this Article arising out of the interpretation, application, administration or alleged violation of the terms of this Agreement.

# 8.02 <u>Settling of Grievances</u>

An earnest effort shall be made to settle complaints/grievances fairly and promptly in the following manner:

#### Step 1 - Immediate Supervisor

With the exception of a probationary employee dismissed for unsuitability or incompetence as assessed by the Employer, an employee may present, in writing, a grievance to his/her immediate supervisor, or designate, within seven (7) calendar days after the circumstances giving rise to the event or after such circumstances ought reasonably to have come to the attention of the employee or to the Union. Such grievance shall state the nature of the grievance, the remedy sought and the provisions of the Agreement which are allegedly violated. The supervisor, or designate, shall render a decision within seven (7) calendar days after the receipt of the grievance.

#### Step 2 - Owner/Operator

Should the decision rendered at Step 1 be unsatisfactory, or should a decision not be rendered within the stipulated time frames, the grievance shall be submitted to a meeting of the owner/operator within seven (7) calendar days after the conclusion of Step 1, or where no decision was rendered, within seven (7) days after the expiry of the time for doing so. The meeting shall take place within ten (10) days after receipt of the greivance at Step 2. The owner/operator shall render a written decision within seven (7) calendar days after the receipt of the grievance at Step 2.

#### Step 3 - Referral to Mediation

Where the Grievance Procedure fails to resolve a grievance, the parties, prior to referring the grievance to arbitration, may mutually agree to refer the grievance to the mediation process of the Labour Relations Agency. If the mediation process fails, either party may then formally refer the grievance to arbitration.

# 8.03 Union Representation

The employee may be represented by a full time representative of the Union at any formal Step of the Grievance Procedure.

# 8:04 (i) <u>Time Limits</u>

The time limits specified in this Article may be extended, in writing, by mutual agreement of the parties.

# (ii) Excluded Days

In calculating the time limits set out in the Article, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays during which the Regional Union office is closed shall be excluded.

# 8.05 <u>Suspension or Discharge Grievance</u>

A grievance by an employee who has completed his/her probationary period claiming that he/she has been unjustly discharged or suspended may be submitted directly to the Owner/Operator at Step 2 of the Grievance Procedure. Such grievance must be received by the Owner/Operator within seven (7) calendar days of the date of notification of the suspension or discharge.

#### 8.06 Policy and Group Grievances

#### (a) Policy Grievance

Where a grievance is initiated by either the Union or the Employer, the procedure shall start at Step 2 of Clause 8.02.

# (b) Group Grievance

Where a number of employees have similar grievances and each employee would otherwise be entitled to grieve separately, they will present a group grievance in accordance with Clause 8.02 identifying to the supervisor each employee who is grieving.

# 8.07 <u>Technical Objections to Grievances</u>

No grievance shall be defeated or denied by a technical objection occasioned by a clerical, typographical or similar technical error, or by the inadvertent omission of a Step in the Grievance Procedure.

#### ARTICLE 9 ARBITRATION

#### 9.01 \* Referral to Arbitration

In the event that a grievance is not satisfactorily resolved at the conclusion of Step 2 or Step 3 of Clause 8:02, the grieving party may, by written notice to the other party given within twenty (20) days of the Step 2 meeting or where no meeting was held, within twenty (20) days after the expiry of the time for conducting such meeting, refer the matter to arbitration in accordance with Article 9.

#### 9.02 Sole Arbitrator

All grievances referred to arbitration shall be decided by a sole arbitrator. The referral to arbitration shall be in writing addressed to the other party of the Agreement and shall contain the names of three arbitrators selected from the panel of arbitrators provided by the Newfoundland and Labrador Labour Management Committee. The party receiving the request shall respond within fifteen (15) calendar days of receiving the request indicating acceptance of one (1) of the three arbitrators, or, if neither of the three arbitrators is acceptable, counter-proposing the names of no more than three other arbitrators. If both parties fail to agree on an arbitrator, the Minister responsible for Labour, on the request of either party, shall appoint an arbitrator.

#### 9.03 Decision of the Sole Arbitrator

The decision of the sole arbitrator shall be final, binding and enforceable on all parties. The sole arbitrator shall not have the power to make any decision inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement or to change, alter, modify or amend any of its provisions.

#### 9.04 Expenses of the Arbitrator

Each party shall pay one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the fees and expenses of the arbitrator.

#### 9.05 <u>Amending of Time Limits</u>

The time limits fixed in both the Grievance and Arbitration Procedure may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties.

#### 9.06 Witness

At any stage of the Grievance or Arbitration Procedures, the parties may have the assistance of any employee(s) concerned as witnesses or any other witnesses. Employees attending as witnesses will be granted time off work with pay and without loss of seniority or benefits of the Collective Agreement. Where possible, the Employer should receive five (5) days notice that an employee is required to attend as a witness.

#### 9.07 Union Representation

The Employer recognizes the right of employees to be represented by a full-time representative of the Union at any formal Step of the Arbitration Procedure.

#### ARTICLE 10 LABOUR-MANAGEMENT/OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH COMMITTEE

#### 10:01 <u>Labour-Management Committee</u>

It is agreed that a Labour-Management Committee comprised of two (2) bargaining unit representatives and two (2) Employer representatives will meet at least once per quarter or as the need arises, but in any event no greater than once per month unless mutually agreed otherwise, to discuss the following general matters:

- (a) reviewing suggestions from employees, questions of working conditions and service, if not covered by the Occupational Health and Safety Committee;
- (b) other problems and matters of mutual interest which affect the relationship which are not properly the subject matter of a grievance or negotiations.
- These meetings shall not supersede with the activities of any other Committee of the Union or of the Employer and shall not bind either the Union or its members or the Employer to any decisions or conclusions reached during discussions.

#### 10:03 Occupational Health and Safety Committee

The parties agree to comply with the Occupational Health and Safety Act and any applicable regulations thereto.

Recognizing its responsibilities under the Act, the Employer agrees to accept as a member of its Occupational Health Committee, two (2) bargaining unit representatives (1 from St. John's and Area and 1 from Placentia area) selected or appointed by the Union.

Such committee shall promote safety and sanitary practices within the workplace.

#### ARTICLE 11 SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS

11.01

- (a) During severe weather conditions or a declared state of emergency, the Employer shall determine whether or not operations will be suspended in a particular area or community. Should the Employer suspend operations, employees shall be paid for scheduled hours missed to a maximum of three (3) hours.
- (b) No employee shall be required to travel on Employer's business during severe weather conditions or state of emergency. Accommodation costs shall be paid by the Employer, whereby an employee is unable to continue travel on Employer's business where unsafe to do so.
- (c) Employees who are unable to travel to work due to the official of closure of highways or roadways shall contact the Employer immediately. Employees may request to use accumulated vacation pay for any scheduled hours missed. When conditions improve, staff shall be available to resume scheduled shift as required.

# ARTICLE 12 PROBATION, DISCIPLINE AND PERSONNEL FILE

# 12:01 <u>Probationary Period</u>

The probationary period shall be the lesser of six (6) calendar months or four hundred and eighty (480) working hours from the date of hire. For the purpose of this Clause, time off with pay approved by the Employer shall be considered as time worked.

An employee's probationary period may be extended by mutual agreement in writing between the employee, the Employer and the Union.

#### 12.02 Discipline

#### (a) Notification

The Employer has the right to discipline and discharge employees for just cause. However, any employee who has completed the probationary period and claims to have been unjustly disciplined, discharged or suspended shall be provided with written notification within seven (7) calendar days of the occurrence or discovery of the matter giving rise to the discipline, discharge or suspension.

# (b) Right to Representation

Where an employee is required to attend a meeting with the Employer to be discharged, suspended or given a written warning, or to discuss a matter for which some level of written discipline is being considered, the Employer shall advise the employee that he/she has a right to be accompanied by a Shop Steward. The employee will be informed of the nature of the meeting and be given as much advance notice as possible. It is the responsibility of the employee to inform his/her Shop Steward.

# (c) Justice and Dignity

Where an employee is suspended as part of an ongoing investigation conducted by the Employer, the employee shall be compensated for time lost to a maximum of three (3) shifts. The Employer shall take all reasonable efforts to conclude the investigation within a one (1) week period. In the event the Employer is unable to complete its investigation within the above time frame, the Union and Employer shall meet to discuss amending the investigation timeline and any possible further compensation to the suspended employee.

# (d) Unjust Suspension or Discharge

Should it be found upon investigation that an employee has been unjustly suspended or discharged, the employee shall be immediately re-instated in her former position without loss of seniority. The employee shall be compensated for all time lost in an amount equal to the employee's average earnings in the four (4) pay periods preceding such suspension or discharge, or by any other arrangement as to compensation which is just and equitable in the opinion of the parties or in the opinion of the Sole Arbitrator, if the matter is referred to Arbitration.

#### (e) Criminal or Legal Liability

The Employer shall defend, negotiate or settle civil and/or criminal claims, suits or prosecutions arising out of acts performed by an employee in the course of her duties, provided that the Employer is satisfied that the employee performed duties as required by the Employer. This does not apply where the employee has been justly disciplined for a willful act or omission leading to a criminal charge.

No compensation shall be paid for legal counsel not pre-approved by the Employer.

# 12.03 <u>Personnel Files</u>

- (a) Upon request and having given reasonable notice, an employee shall be allowed to inspect his/her personnel file in the presence of a representative of the Union and the Employer and be provided with a copy of any document contained therein.
- (b) In the event an employee is disciplined, the records of such disciplinary action shall not be removed from the personnel file of the employee for twelve (12) months following the receipt of such discipline, providing there has not been a recurrence of a similar incident during that period. It shall be the responsibility of the employee to see that such documentation is removed.
- (c) No document shall be used in disciplinary proceedings against an employee unless such document has been brought to the attention of the employee at the time it was placed on the employee's personnel file.

# **ARTICLE 13 SENIORITY**

# 13.01 <u>Seniority Defined</u>

- (a) Subject to Clause 13:01 (c) and Clause 13.04, seniority ranking for all employees shall be determined by the employee's date of hire with the Employer.
- (b) Seniority shall be earned on a bargaining unit wide basis with general application except where otherwise required by the provisions of this Agreement.
- (c) Date of hire ranking shall commence upon signing of this Agreement for all new hires. The existing seniority list using hours of work shall be preserved as of the date of signing and such ranking will remain unchanged with new hires being placed according to their date of hire.

#### 13:02 Seniority List

The Employer shall maintain a seniority list for all employees. An up-to-date seniority list shall be sent to the Union and posted in January and July of each year. The seniority list for all employees shall show, subject to Clause 13:01 (c) and Clause 13:04, the date of hire with the Employer, as well as the preserved list showing hours of work.

# 13:03 Probation for Newly Hired Employees

After completion of the probationary period as specified in Article 12, employees shall be credited with seniority effective from his/her date of hire with the Employer.

# 13.04 Loss of Seniority

An employee shall lose all seniority and service and her employment will be deemed to be terminated if she:

- (a) is discharged for just cause and is not reinstated by an Arbitrator or under the Grievance Procedure;
- (b) resigns in writing (including electronic media such as e-mail);
- (c) fails to return from layoff within seven (7) calendar days of being notified by registered, certified or hand delivered mail, or delivered via electronic mail with delivery confirmation, except when such failure is caused by sickness of employee or immediate family member verified by a medical certificate or by other reason satisfactory to the Employer. It shall be the responsibility of the Employee to keep the Employer informed, in writing, of her current address and telephone number;
- (d) is laid off for a period longer than twenty-four (24) months.

# 13.05 <u>Transfers and Seniority Outside Bargaining Unit</u>

No employee shall be transferred to a position outside the bargaining unit without his/her consent. If an employee is transferred to a position outside the bargaining unit, his/her seniority will not change but a transfer exceeding twelve (12) months will result in a loss of seniority.

#### 13:06 Transfers

Subject to Article 14:01 (d), employees who wish to be considered for reassignment/transfer within the bargaining unit may make such a request, in writing, to the Employer and such request, based on seniority, may be accommodated based on availability of alternate hours of work which are not currently being carried out by another employee.

#### ARTICLE 14 HOURS OF WORK

#### 14.01 Prediction of Services

(a) Recognizing the particular and unique needs of clients and that the very nature of this work dictates that such services cannot always be predicted in advance, the parties agree that the work schedule for employees may be arranged on a flexible basis in the interest of client care and/or efficiency of the Employer's operation. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as a guarantee of minimum hours of work per day or per week.

# **Maximizing Hours**

- (b) (i) Subject to Clause 14:01 (d), the parties recognize that job security should increase with an employee's length of service. In keeping with the principle, and provided that the employee is qualified, able to meet client needs and is readily available, the Employer will schedule employees on a seniority basis to a maximum of forty (40) hours weekly.
  - (ii) Subject to Clause 14.01 (d), the Employer will attempt to schedule only those hours of work agreed to by the employee at the time of hiring. An employee may be required to be available to work additional hours to meet the short term emergency needs of an assigned client.

# (c) Client/Third Party/Employee Incompatibility

(i) The parties acknowledge that client needs and/or preferences may impact staffing actions.

#### (ii) Incompatibility

Subject to 14.01 (d), both parties recognize that client preference may have an impact on the application of the provisions of this Agreement. In situations where it is determined that an employee and client are incompatible, the Employer and employee will discuss the cause(s) of the incompatibility and to determine if the incompatibility can be resolved. If necessary, the Employer and employee will explore the availability of alternate work based on employees updated availability form which shall be communicated in writing to the Employer at the onset of the incompatibility. Employees may be accompanied by a representative of the union should they choose. In the event that alternate work is not immediately available, the employee shall be placed, relative to seniority, on the recall list.

# (iii) Incompatibility Third Party

Subject to 14.01 (d), in situations where incompatibility has been imposed by a third party, the Employer shall conduct their own investigation on the root cause(s) of the incompatibility with input from the employee(s) affected by the conflict. Upon completion of their investigation, the Employer shall make representation on behalf of the employee to the third party to discuss and determine if incompatibility can be resolved. If incompatibility cannot be resolved the Employer shall offer the employee alternate work based on employees updated availability form which shall be communicated in writing to the Employer at the onset of the incompatibility. In the event that alternate work is not immediately available, the employee shall be placed, relative to seniority, on the recall list.

# (d) Agreement of Districts and Hours Worked

Each employee shall advise the Employer, in writing, of the district(s) in which she is prepared to work and the maximum number of hours per week she is prepared to accept. Employees may change either the district(s) or the number of hours at any time by giving the Employer, in writing, two (2) weeks advance notice.

# (e) Loss of Hours/Employment

In the event an employee suffers a partial or total reduction in hours due to an incompatibility, client hospitalization, death or incarceration, or any other event beyond the control of the employee and/or Employer, the Employer shall endeavour to provide the employee with similar type and hours of work and the employee shall accept such work when offered. In the event that alternate work is not immediately available, the employee shall be placed on a recall list relative to her seniority and offered hours to replace those lost due to the above events.

# 14.02 <u>Scheduling of Work</u>

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# (a) (i) Additional Hour Assignment

Additional hours of work that become available will be assigned in accordance with operational requirements to an Employee or Employees who have expressed a willingness and availability to perform work in the District in question, and who could take such assignment without affecting any other hours of work already assigned to that Employee and without exceeding any maximum number of hours designated. Where more than one Employee

has the requisite willingness and availability for such additional hours, the Employer shall give preference to the Employee or Employees with the most seniority.

#### (ii) Maximizing Hours

Employees who request additional hours in accordance with Clause 14.02 (a) (i) and subject to Clause 14:01 (d) are expected to accept such hours. An employee who refuses to work the requested additional hours three (3) times within a twelve (12) month period without providing a reason satisfactory to the Employer may not be offered additional hours for six (6) months from the date of last refusal.

## (b) (i) Employees Schedule

Where possible, work schedules will be included with an employee's cheque, otherwise an employee will be advised of his/her schedule by telephone. This schedule may be adjusted as determined by operational requirements dictated by client's needs.

# (ii) Weekend Assignments

The scheduling of weekend assignments shall be on a rotational basis except where mutually agreed between the employee and the Employer. Subject to changes in staff levels and client load, the Employer shall endeavor to schedule every second weekend off. Employees shall receive a minimum of every third weekend off, unless otherwise mutually agreed. Weekend means Saturday and Sunday off. The Employer will make every reasonable effort to accommodate the employee's preference to work weekends on a temporary or permanent basis.

#### (iii) Evening and Night Shifts

The scheduling of evening and night shifts will be on a rotational basis where operational requirements permit, except where mutually agreed between the employee and Employer. The Employer will make every reasonable effort to accommodate the employee's preference to work evenings or nights on a temporary or permanent basis.

#### (iv) Consecutive Days/Days Off

An employee shall not be scheduled to work more than six (6) consecutive days without days off except by mutual agreement of the employee and the Employer. Where possible, at least two (2)

consecutive days off shall be scheduled unless single days off are arranged by mutual agreement between the employee and the Employer.

# (v) Change of Shifts

Employees may be permitted to change shifts with another employee provided that it is approved by the immediate supervisor.

#### (vi) Consecutive Hours Off

The Employer shall provide eight (8) consecutive hours off work in each unbroken twenty-four (24) hour period.

#### (vii) Consecutive Hours of Work

Subject to the other provisions of this Article, the Employer shall make a reasonable effort to schedule work on an equitable basis and to schedule employees so as to maximize their hours of work. The Employer shall also make a reasonable effort to schedule work so as to provide consecutive hours, where possible, and to minimize gaps in work schedules.

# (viii) Minimum Shift

Employees are not obligated to accept shifts of less than three (3) hours in duration, with the exception of staff meetings, attendance at investigations, and training.

# (ix) Cancelled Shift

An employee arriving to work a shift that has been cancelled without his/her being notified of the cancellation will be paid for all scheduled hours in the shift at the regular rate of pay, provided a replacement shift is not immediately available. Employees shall notify his/her immediate supervisor immediately of such a situation.

#### (x) Report Writing

Employees required to do a written report after a shift has ended, shall be compensated for one half (½) hour of pay at the employee's regular rate of pay for each report.

(c) If a position of thirty (30) hours or more per week becomes available, or a position at a higher pay rate, such positions shall be communicated to all employees, through an expression of interest via email, as provided

by the employees. After five (5) calendar days, the position shall then be offered, based on seniority, to the employee who meets the qualifications of the position.

# (d) Rest Periods

The Employer recognizes the employee's right to rest periods. In the event that an employee is unable to access required rest periods, the Employer shall ensure rest periods are made available.

# 14:03 Standby Pay

In the event that the Employer requires an employee to be available for standby duty, the employee shall be paid ten dollars (\$10.00) for each eight (8) hour period of standby or part thereof.

# 14:04 <u>Minimizing Risk</u>

In cases involving intimate personal care or behavioural concerns with a client, the Employer shall develop appropriate controls to minimize the risks associated with working alone with such clients. Where appropriate, such controls shall be developed in consultation with relevant members of the bargaining unit.

# ARTICLE 15 OVERTIME

15.01 \* (a) All time worked by an employee in excess of forty (40) hours per week shall be considered overtime. With the written consent of the employee and subsequent agreement of the Employer, an employee may choose to work greater than forty (40) hours in a week and not receive overtime. However, under this Agreement, all time worked in excess of eighty (80) hours in a bi-weekly pay period shall be considered overtime. Employees may choose at any time, by giving the Employer two (2) weeks' notice on their intent to discontinue the practice of working in excess of forty (40) hours in each work week and not be compensated for overtime.

In situations where the minimum overtime rate, as per labour standards, exceeds the regular hourly rate of the employee, the employee shall be paid at the higher rate for any hours worked in excess of forty (40) hours per week.

(b) Where the Employer requires an employee to work overtime, the employee(s) assigned to a client shall be offered the opportunity to work the overtime hours. If the employee(s) on shift are unable to work the overtime hours, they may be required to remain at the work site for a period not to exceed three (3) hours until a replacement is found.

(c) All overtime is subject to the prior approval of the Employer.

#### 15.02 Overtime Rate

All overtime hours worked shall be compensated at the rate of one and one half (1.5) times the employee's regular rate of pay.

## 15.03 Distribution of Overtime

The Employer will endeavour to distribute overtime equitably amongst employees who share responsibilities in a client's household first and when unavailable then amongst employees in a community, provided that the employees are available and willing to work.

## 15.04 Double Shift

An employee shall not be required to work a double (2) shift without his/ her consent.

In the event an employee's scheduled shift is extended beyond twelve (12) hours, the employee will be provided with a meal allowance of fourteen dollars (\$14.00).

# 15:06 <u>Calculating of Overtime Rates</u>

An employee who is absent on approved paid leave during his/her scheduled work week because of bereavement or vacation shall, for the purpose of computing overtime pay, be considered as if he/she had worked during his/her regular hours during such absence.

#### ARTICLE 16 HOLIDAYS

#### 16.01 Holiday Pay

(a) The following paid holidays shall be provided:

New Year's Day Good Friday Victoria Day Memorial Day (Canada Day) Labour Day Thanksgiving Day Remembrance Day Christmas Day

- (b) Where an employee works on a statutory holiday identified in Clause 16.01 (a), he/she is entitled to receive wages at twice his/her regular rate for the hours worked on the holiday.
- (c) An employee who does not work on a paid holiday identified in Clause 16:01 (a) and has been employed by the Employer for at least thirty (30) days prior to the paid holiday and provided they work the scheduled shift prior to and after the paid holiday shall receive a prorated days' pay based on the average hours worked per day in the past two (2) pay periods immediately preceding the holiday. This shall be calculated by dividing the number of hours worked in the past two (2) pay periods (28 days) by twenty (20).
- \* (d) If an employee works less hours on a paid holiday than a calculated day based on Clause 17:01 (c), the Employer will pay the employee at their regular rate of pay for the actual hours worked plus a calculated day's pay in Clause 17:01 (c).

# 16:02 \* (a) Christmas and New Year's

The Employer agrees that an employee scheduled to work on Christmas Day shall not be scheduled to work on New Year's Day, and an employee scheduled to work on New Year's Day shall not be scheduled to work on Christmas Day unless otherwise mutually agreed between the employee and the Employer.

- \* (b) The Employer agrees that employees who work Christmas of one year shall have Christmas off the following year, and employees who work New Year's of one year shall have New Year's off the following year unless otherwise mutually agreed between the employee and her immediate supervisor.
- (c) As it is not always possible to guarantee these days off, it is the responsibility of the employee to request these days off and to contact the Employer thirty (30) days prior to the Christmas/New Year's break to verify their work schedule for this period.

# ARTICLE 17 VACATION LEAVE

#### 17.01 Vacation Rates

An employee shall be entitled to vacation pay as follows:

(a) Employees with less than five (5) calendar years of service at a rate of four percent (4%) of all regular hours paid.

- (b) After the completion of five (5) calendar years of service but less than ten (10) calendar years of service, six percent (6%) of all regular hours paid.
- (c) After the completion of ten (10) calendar years of service, eight percent (8%) of all regular hours paid.

(NOTE: Any unused General Leave shall be transferred to Vacation Leave.)

#### 17:02 <u>Vacation Pay</u>

- (a) The vacation year is from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>.
- (b) <u>Vacation and Vacation Leave</u>

By December 1<sup>st</sup> and/or June 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, each employee shall elect for the coming year, in writing, to receive either vacation pay each pay day on his/her regular pay or elect to receive vacation leave with pay for the following calendar year. Those employees who elect to receive vacation leave, they will have their leave calculated based on a percentage (as per Article 17:01) of all hours paid in the previous calendar year. New employees shall make the election, on hire, for the year in which they were hired. Once the election is made by the employee, it cannot be changed until the next December 1<sup>st</sup> or June 1<sup>st</sup>; if no selection is made, employees shall receive vacation leave.

(c) Banked vacation pay will be paid on a separate cheque at the commencement of the employee's scheduled vacation leave. Any vacation pay that is not paid out during the vacation year in which it is earned may be carried forward to a maximum of one (1) year's entitlement. Any vacation pay entitlement that cannot be carried forward will be paid out at the end of the vacation year.

# 17:03 <u>Vacation Leave Requests</u>

- (a) (i) Subject to Article 17.02, the Employer will make all reasonable efforts to grant employees leave based on their accumulated entitlement for the purpose of vacation. Provided that the employee provides at least thirty (30) days' written notice of her request, every reasonable effort will be made to grant the employee the vacation period requested.
- Requests for vacation during the months of June to August must be submitted, in writing, to the Employer no later than April 15<sup>th</sup>.

  Vacation shall be limited to no more than two (2) consecutive weeks during this period. Decisions on the status of this vacation request shall be made no later than May 15<sup>th</sup>.

- (b) It is understood that when an Employee requests and is granted vacation, these vacation days will be deducted from the Employee's entitlement. It is further understood that any vacation days requested which exceed the employee's unused vacation entitlement, or where an employee has not banked vacation as per Clause 17.02 (c), will be unpaid if granted.
- (c) Where operational requirements necessitate placing a restriction on the number of employees on vacation at any one time, preference shall be given to employees based on seniority. Requests for paid vacation leave shall take precedence over requests for unpaid vacation leave regardless of seniority.
- (d) Where an employee resigns or is terminated, any vacation leave balance accrued at the time of termination shall be paid out to the employee.
- (e) Requests for vacation leave of short duration shall be accommodated wherever possible.

# ARTICLE 18 SICK LEAVE

# 18:01 <u>Sick Leave Defined</u>

Sick leave means a period of time that an employee has been permitted to be absent from work by virtue of the employee being sick, disabled, quarantined, medical appointments or because of an accident for which compensation is not payable under the Workers' Compensation Act.

18:02 \* Employees who have worked a minimum of 1000 hours in the previous calendar year shall be eligible for sick leave in the amount of two (2) percent of hours worked in the previous calendar year to a maximum of forty (40) hours' entitlement. New hires who have completed one (1) year of service shall become eligible after working 1000 hours in the previous twelve (12) months and will have the hours calculated on a prorated basis from date of hire to December 31st.

Paid sick leave is for use within the current calendar year and is not cumulative.

#### 18:03 Notification

- (a) The employee shall inform her immediate supervisor as soon as possible of her inability to report to work because of illness or injury.
- (b) The employee shall inform her immediate supervisor in advance of the date of her return to work.

- (c) In order to receive paid sick leave for all sick leave absences affecting work on two (2) consecutive days, employees may be required to provide a medical certificate from a health care provider, satisfactory to the Employer.
- (d) For the purposes of obtaining medical certificates, an employee shall have the option of being attended by a doctor of her choice and under no circumstances will an employee be penalized in any way by the Employer for exercising her option of being attended by her physician.
- (e) Any medical related forms required by the Employer, detailing functional abilities or limitations, that have associated costs, shall be paid for by the Employer.

# 18:04 Injury on Duty

An employee who is injured during working hours and is either required to leave for medical treatment or is sent home because of such injury shall receive payment for the remainder of the employee's scheduled work day at her regular hourly rate. On return to work the employee will be required to provide a medical certificate from a qualified practitioner indicating that she received treatment for the injury.

# 18:05 <u>Family Leave</u>

- (a) Subject to 18:05 (b), an employee shall be granted unpaid family leave to:
  - (i) Attend to the temporary care of a sick family member;
  - (ii) Attend meetings with school authorities concerning a dependent child;
  - (iii) Attend to the needs related to home or family emergency; or
  - (iv) Accompany a dependent family member on a dental or medical appointment.
- (b) In order to qualify for family leave, the employee shall:
  - (i) Provide as much notice to the Employer as reasonably possible;
  - (ii) Provide to the Employer valid reason why such leave is required; and
  - (iii) Where appropriate, and in particular with respect to (ii) and (iv) of 20.01(a), have endeavoured to a reasonable extent to schedule such events during off duty hours.

(iv) The employee may be required to provide verification of circumstances resulting in request for family leave.

## ARTICLE 19 LEAVE - OTHER

# 19.01 Leave for Negotiations

Where operational requirements permit and provided at least fourteen (14) days written notice has been provided to the Employer in advance, leave without pay and without loss of seniority shall be granted for up to three (3) employees who are members of the Union's Negotiating Committee while attending negotiations with the Employer.

# 19.02 <u>Leave Without Pay for Union Business</u>

- (a) Where operational requirements permit, and provided at least fourteen (14) days written notice has been provided to the Employer in advance, the Employer may grant leave of absence without pay and without loss of seniority for a period of one (1) year for an employee selected for a full time position with the Union. The period of leave of absence may be renewed upon request. Employees will not accrue any service or benefits, except seniority, during such an absence.
- (b) Where operational requirements permit and upon reasonable notice, the Employer may grant leave of absence without pay and without loss of seniority to employees to attend Union workshops, conferences or other Union business.

# 19.03 Bereavement Leave

(a) (i) Immediate Family Entitlement

If the death occurs in the immediate family of an employee, the employee shall be granted three (3) working day's leave with pay to a maximum of twenty-four (24) hours with the leave being accessed within seven (7) calendar days of the death. In the event of a delayed internment, entitlement can be reserved to be accessed to correspond with the internment service.

(ii) In the event the death of an immediate family member occurs outside of the Province, the employee can access their entitled days upon the return of the deceased. If the employee has to travel out of the Province due to the death of an immediate family member, the employee shall be entitled to one (1) extra unpaid day for the purpose of travel.

# (b) <u>Definition of Immediate Family</u>

Immediate family is defined as an employee's mother, father, brother, sister, child, spouse, legal guardian, grandparents, grandchild, commonlaw spouse, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law and daughter-in-law, stepfather, stepmother and stepchild.

If the employee has been employed for less than thirty (30) days, then the employee is entitled to two (2) days of unpaid leave for similar bereavement.

# (c) <u>Definition of Common Law Spouse</u>

For the purpose of this Clause, a common-law spouse relationship is said to exist when, for a continuous period of at least one (1) year, an employee has lived with a person of the opposite sex or same sex, publicly represented that person to be his/her spouse and lives and intends to continue to live with that person as if that person were his/her spouse.

# (d) Leave to Attend Funerals

Employees are entitled to be reavement leave without pay for one (1) day to attend the funeral of an employee's aunt, uncle, niece, or nephew.

# 19.04 <u>Maternity Leave and Parental Leave</u>

- (a) Maternity and Parental leave will be granted in accordance with the Labour Standards Act unless otherwise amended herein.
- (b) An employee who is pregnant shall be entitled, upon application, to maternity leave without pay to commence not earlier than seventeen (17) weeks prior to the expected date of birth. The employee shall give the Employer at least two (2) weeks notice of the date the leave is to begin and shall provide a medical certificate from a medical practitioner stating the estimated date of birth.
- (c) (i) An employee who is the parent of a child shall be entitled, upon application, to parental leave without pay to commence no more than thirty-five (35) weeks after the day the child is born or comes into the care and custody of the parent for the first time. The employee shall give the Employer at least two (2) weeks notice of the date the leave is to begin.
  - (ii) An employee who is the parent of a child shall be entitled, upon application, to extended parental leave without pay to commence no more than sixty-one (61) weeks after the day the child is born or comes into the care and custody of the parent for the first time.

The employee shall give the Employer at least two (2) weeks' written notice of the date the leave is to begin.

- (d) The maximum leave allowed under this clause shall be seventeen (17) weeks for maternity leave and either thirty-five (35) weeks for normal parental leave or sixty-one (61) weeks for extended parental leave. The combined leave shall either be fifty-two (52) weeks or seventy-eight (78) weeks in total.
  - (e) The employee shall give at least four (4) weeks notice of his or her intention to return to work and, in the case of maternity leave, shall provide a satisfactory certificate of fitness from a medical practitioner.
  - (f) Upon return from maternity or parental leave, the employee shall resume his/her former duties at his/her former position on the wage grid, subject to the availability of work.
  - (g) Subject to Clause 18:02, an employee who, before commencing maternity leave, becomes ill as a result of or relating to her pregnancy shall be entitled to sick leave upon production of medical certification satisfactory to the Employer.
- (h) While on maternity or parental leave, employees shall not earn any benefits of this Agreement, except seniority and years of service.
  - (i) An employee on maternity or parental leave shall be considered for any vacancies for which he/she has applied in accordance with the provisions of Article 14. If the employee is successful, his/her trial period shall start upon his/her return to work.

# 19:05 Adoption Leave

- (a) In accordance with the Labour Standards Act, an employee who legally adopts a child shall, subject to the approval of the Employer, be granted special leave without pay for a maximum of seventy-eight (78) calendar weeks. Where possible, the employee shall give the Employer at least two (2) weeks notice of the date the leave is to begin and shall provide proof of adoption.
  - (b) The employee shall give at least four (4) weeks notice of her intention to return to work from adoption leave.
  - (c) Upon return from adoption leave, the employee shall resume his/her former duties at his/her former position on the wage grid, subject to the availability of work, with no loss of seniority.
- \* (d) While on adoption leave, employees shall not earn any benefits of this Agreement, except seniority and years of service.

#### 19.06 Paid Jury, Court Witness or Jury Selection Leave

The Employer shall grant leave of absence without loss of pay, seniority, or accumulative benefits to an employee who is summoned for jury service, or serves as a juror, or who is subpoenaed to attend upon a court as a witness in a court proceeding. The employee will present proof of such attendance.

# 19.07 Special Leave

With the approval of the Employer, an employee may be granted leave of absence without pay and without loss of seniority in exceptional circumstances.

# 19.08 <u>Education Leave</u>

An employee who is upgrading his/her employment qualifications through an Employer approved upgrading course shall be entitled to leave of absence without pay to write examinations required by such course.

# 19:09 <u>Extended Unpaid Leave</u>

Upon written request, an employee who has completed two (2) years of service shall be granted leave to a maximum of twelve (12) months without pay or seniority and without loss of accumulated seniority and benefits provided that such leave shall not cause an unreasonable interference with the Employer's operation. An employee shall be entitled up to a maximum of twelve (12) months unpaid leave for each two (2) years of service with the understanding that no employee can have more than twelve (12) consecutive months of unpaid leave at any one time. Employees shall not be subject to any benefits of this Agreement during this period. The minimum amount of unpaid leave an employee may request under this Clause is sixteen (16) weeks.

#### ARTICLE 20 PAYMENT OF WAGES AND ALLOWANCES

#### 20.01 Classification and Wages

- (a) Employees shall be paid wages as set out in Schedule A Classification and Wages.
- The Employer shall develop and maintain job descriptions for each bargaining unit position. Copies of these job descriptions will be made available to the employees and the Union within three (3) months of the signing of this agreement. A list of duties for each client shall be provided to each employee working with a client. It is understood that duties may change from time to time.

#### 20.02 <u>Availability of Salary Cheques</u>

- (a) Employees shall receive their salary cheques bi-weekly. Overtime pay shall be included in the regular pay cheques for the pay period next succeeding the pay period during which overtime was earned. On each pay day, each employee shall be provided with an itemized statement of his/her wages, overtime and all payroll deductions.
- (b) Employees shall receive their salary on a bi-weekly basis through a direct deposit system. Employee pay cheques shall be deposited every second Friday, provided the employee has submitted his/her time sheet(s) in accordance with payroll guidelines established by the Employer.

## 20.03 <u>Transportation Allowance</u>

- (a) Employees shall not be required nor permitted to use personal vehicles for transport of clients nor for any other purpose while employed with the Employer.
- (b) Employees shall be provided upon request with a T2200 Declaration of Conditions of Employment form.

#### ARTICLE 21 STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS

21.01 The Union agrees that during the life of this Agreement, there shall be no strikes, suspensions or slowdown of work, picketing by members of the Union on the premises of the Employer or any other interference with the Employer's business. The Employer agrees that there shall be no lockout during the term of this Agreement.

# ARTICLE 22 TERMINATION AND LAYOFF

# 22.01 Notice of Termination

- (a) The Employer agrees to give employees two (2) weeks notice of layoff or termination, in writing, excluding disciplinary termination.
- (b) The employee shall give the Employer two (2) weeks notice, in writing, to terminate his/her employment.

#### 22.02 Definition of Layoff

For the purpose of this Article, a layoff means the temporary cessation of employment due to a shortage of work. It is understood that a periodic reduction in scheduled hours of work due to temporary or intermittent shortages of work does not constitute a layoff. A layoff notice shall be in writing and will be hand delivered or delivered by registered mail. When requested by an employee, a Record of Employment (ROE) shall be given after any seven (7) consecutive day period without work.

# 22.03 <u>No New Employees</u>

No new employees shall be hired until employees on the recall list are offered their maximum available hours.

# ARTICLE 23 HEALTH AND SAFETY

# 23:01 Workers' Compensation

- (a) Eligible employees, as defined by the legislation, shall be covered by the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Act. Employees must report all injuries in accordance with the Act.
- (b) The Employer and the Union shall make every reasonable effort to have an employee who is on Workers' Compensation return to his/her former duties, and if the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission (WHSCC) determines that the employee cannot perform his/her former duties, to another work assignment within the bargaining unit.
- (c) (i) Employees in receipt of Workers' Compensation benefits and who are not working with the Employer are not eligible to access benefits of this Agreement except they will not have their seniority date changed and will continue to accumulate years of service.
  - (ii) Employees on modified duties or Easeback shall earn the benefits of this Agreement, including seniority.

#### 23.02 Clothing Benefits

The Employer shall ensure the supply of disposable gloves, without cost to the employee, for the personal care of the client. Should the Employer require employees to wear greens, aprons or any other items of clothing, the cost shall be borne by the Employer.

# 23.03 On-the-Job Training

With the exception of First Aid Renewals and home support training modules, Employees required by the Employer to participate in on-the-job training in a client's home or participate in client specific training courses shall be considered to have worked for all hours spent in such training.

The Employer shall provide adequate training to employees who are required to perform personal care on clients using medical equipment or clients with complex medical/behavioural concerns.

#### 23.04 First Aid Re-Certification

An employee is responsible to have or to obtain a first aid certificate upon employment. The Employer shall cover all costs associated with first aid recertification provided the employee has two (2) calendar years of service with the Employer since her last date of hire.

# 23.05 <u>Vaccinations</u>

The Employer shall pay the cost of any post hire vaccinations that are identified by the applicable health authority as being required by the employee because of a client's chronic medical condition.

# 23.06 <u>Client Medical History</u>

The Employer agrees to provide staff with a client's relevant case history related to communicable disease or behavioural concerns.

# 23.07 <u>Employee Safety</u>

- (a) The employees shall report all incidents of workplace violence to their Employer; verbal abuse, physical abuse, sexual harassment and sexual assault. All incidents of workplace violence shall be communicated to the Occupational Health and Safety Committee. Where the Employer determines that an employee may be at risk in attending to her duties, the Employer shall take immediate action to remedy the situation. The Employer shall develop, maintain and communicate to employees, policies and procedures to improve the safety of its employees.
- (b) Employees will be familiarized with policies and procedures to deal with unexpected and emergency situations in the client's home.

#### ARTICLE 24 DURATION

- 24.01 \* This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect from the date of signing, up to and including March 31, 2024.
- 24:02 Any provision of this Agreement, other than the duration of Agreement, may be amended in writing by mutual consent and such amendment(s) shall form part of this Agreement.

# 24.03 Agreement to Remain in Effect

This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect during negotiations for a revision or renewal of the terms of this Agreement, and until such time as it is replaced by a new or revised Collective Agreement.

#### 24:04 \* Notice of Termination or Amendment

Either party to this Agreement may within a one hundred and twenty (120) day period immediately prior to the expiration of this Agreement, issue notice to the other party of its desire to terminate or amend the Agreement. Following notice, the other party is required to enter into negotiations for a new Agreement within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of notice.

# SCHEDULE A

# **CLASSIFICATIONS AND WAGES**

Classifications	Apr 1, 2020	Apr 1, 2021	Apr 1, 2022	Apr 1, 2023
Home Support	\$16.70	\$16.85	\$16.95	\$17.05
Supervised Access	\$16.70	\$16.85	\$16.95	\$17.05

Client Specific Differential Per hour \$1.05

# SCHEDULE B

# **DISTRICTS**

St. John's
Bell Island
Torbay
Pouch Cove
Conception Bay South
Goulds
Kilbride
Mount Pearl
Paradise
Placentia Area.
Cape Shore (Point Verde to Branch)

# AGREEMENT ON COMBINING PLACENTIA HOME CARE AND HOME SWEET HOME CARE AGENCIES INTO ONE CONTRACT AND ONE BARGAINING UNIT -HOME SWEET HOME CARE AGENCY

In recognition of the merger between Placentia Home Care and Home Sweet Home Care Agency, these Agencies, on a go forward basis, will operate as one Agency under the name of Home Sweet Home Care Agency.

NAPE and Home Sweet Home Care Agency hereby agree that the terms and conditions of employment contained in the Home Sweet Home Care Agency Collective Agreement will apply to all employees of the previous agencies of Placentia Home Care and Home Sweet Home Care: Collective Agreements expiry dates June 30, 2014.

Seniority for all employees will be dove-tailed and will be based on the date of hire.

AND LABRADOR ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EMPLOYEES

mber 18, 2015

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF HOME SWEET

HOME CARE AGENCY

#### **MEDICAL INSURANCE**

The Employer and Union agree to participate, as needed, in the Government funded review/ study to determine the feasibility/viability of introducing a Group Insurance Benefits Program for Home Care Workers covered under the applicable NAPE Collective Agreement.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC

AND PRIVATE EMPLOYEES

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF HOME SWEET

HOME CARE AGENCY

#### **DEVELOPMENTAL SUPPORT WORKERS**

The Employer shall request of the applicable health authority, reassessments of any clients with complex behavioral concerns and who are cared for by home support workers, with the intent to reclassify these employees to Developmental Support Workers.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EMPLOYEES

DATE

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF HOME SWEET

HOME CARE AGENCY

Jane 21, 2020

#### TRAVEL

The Employer and the Union agree to work together to develop standardized travel language for all employees covered in this Agreement. It is understood that the newly created language will come into effect on or before January 31, 2021.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EMPLOYEES

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF HOME SWEET

HOME CARE AGENCY

#### **EDUCATION**

It is understood between the parties that in the event the Department of Health mandates additional mandatory training requirements for Home Support Workers, the Employer and Union will work together with stakeholders to explore avenues to meet the new requirements.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EMPLOYEES

DATE

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF HOME SWEET

HOME CARE AGENCY

June 21, 2020

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have ended of, 2020	xecuted this Agreement on this <u>35</u> day			
SIGNED ON BEHALF OF HOME SWEET HOME CARE AGENCY INC. in the presence of the witness hereto subscribing:				
Witness	Tru Kellam  Home Sweet Home Care Agency Inc.			
SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE NEWFOUNDLAND PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EMPLOYEES in the present the present that the present the present the present that the present the				
	David Healey, Employee Relations Officer on behalf of the members of the negotiating team:  Agnes Conway  Gertrude Coffey			