

Actions against the PPPs

Petition against the construction of the CHU (University Hospital Centres) as a public-private partnership: we need your signature before February 5, 2010



In 2009, for the first time, care professionals, pharmacists, workers in the health network, architects and engineers joined together to voice their disagreement on the two Montreal university hospitals, the CHUM and the MUHC, being built as a public-private partnership. These groups demanded that the University Hospital Centres of Montreal (CHU and MUHC) be built in the traditional, public manner.

But the Charest government is being stubborn in spite of:

- the damning report from the *Vérificateur général du Québec* (Quebec Auditor General);
- the analyzes by experts who have concluded that the PPP style is more expensive, lacks flexibility, has negative impacts on working conditions and on the quality of services;
- the potential conflicts of interest.

We ask that you sign the petition on line at the National Assembly web site before February 5 in order that your voice be heard.

<<http://www.assnat.qc.ca/Petition/SignerFr.aspx?idPetition=96>>

Presentation of a brief on Bill 67 which creates the INESSS

Bill 67, a draft bill on the *Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux (INESSS)* was tabled in the National Assembly on November 12, 2009.

Specific consultations and public hearings are currently being held. FIQ will have its turn to present its brief on January 20th. Indeed, Régine Laurent, FIQ President, will be at the Parliament building in Quebec City. New developments in this file will be published on the Federation's web site. To be continued.

Negotiations for the nursing and cardio-respiratory care professionals

An analysis of the December 17th offers can be summed up in one sentence: there is no recognition of the professionals' work. The Federation believes that the management offers do not respond to the legitimate demands of its members. The labour scarcity is a fact and it will not be curtailed without the essential change that is proposed by the Federation. The Federation's proposals are aimed at acting on the labour shortage and the workload. They will encourage stability of work teams, the quality of life at work, the reconciliation of work - personal - family life, as well as the recognition of care professionals. By this same fact, the quality of services offered to the population will be assured and will protect the public health system.

The management offers and the plan of action will be presented to the delegates at the Special Federal Council to be held on January 19 and 20, 2010.

An update will be given in the next edition of FIQ en Action.

In the meantime, you can watch a video of Régine Laurent, President of the FIQ, commenting on the management offers on YouTube. Here is the link:

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<<http://www.youtube.com/FIQSante>>



On the agenda

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A Special Federal Council will be held on January 19 and 20. The negotiations and independent labour files will be on the agenda.

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