

Meeting with Minister Bolduc

On February 24, 2012, following the example of their colleagues in the Montreal region, the union representatives for the healthcare professionals in the Quebec City region, members of unions affiliated to the FIQ, were able to meet the Minister of Health and Social Services, Yves Bolduc. This was an opportunity for them to let him know about their concerns on, among others, organization of work, labour relations and the care provided to seniors. The meeting took place in an atmosphere of respect and with a listening ear. The union representatives certainly intend to ensure a strict follow-up of these discussions and they hope the actions will be constructive.



Coalition pour des CHSLD publics

Outraged by the SLAPP suit action by Eddy Savoie



On February 28, the *Coalition pour des CHSLD publics* responded strongly to Eddy Savoie, President of *Groupe Savoie* filing a SLAPP suit of

\$400,000 against Pierrette Martel. By treating a family member of a resident of the *CHSLD Saint-Lambert-sur-le-golf* in this way, Eddy Savoie is trying to silence a citizen who has spoken out publicly in order to insure the health and safety of her mother.

Read the press release on the Federation website under the tab "Salle de presse".

The Collectif 8 mars

Meeting with Minister St-Pierre

On February 23, the representatives from the *Collectif 8 mars* met Ms Christine St-Pierre, Minister of Culture, Communication and the Status of Women, to discuss the situation of women in Québec and to make demands on this subject. They spoke to the minister on a series of key subjects for women: privatization and cuts in public services, the future for retirement, under-funding of women's groups working against systematic discrimination, threats to the right to an abortion...

Read the press release on the Federation website under the tab "Salle de presse".

President's blog

A must read!



Blogue de la présidente

Go to the FIQ website to read the most recent editorial written by Régine Laurent, President of the FIQ. You will also notice that some of them commend subcontracting, without regard for the workers who suffer the repercussions.

Study by the IRÉC

Public services, inseparable from the well-being of the population



On February 26, the *Secrétariat intersyndical des services publics* (SISP) made public a study



carried out by the *Institut de recherche en économie contemporaine* (IRÉC) which demonstrates that public services are beneficial for everyone and represent an

important vector for the redistribution of wealth.

Entitled *Les services publics : un véritable actif pour les ménages québécois, la valeur redistributive de l'offre et de la consommation des services publics*, this study establishes the value of services consumed by households and businesses. It also measures the redistributive effect of these services and impacts on reducing inequalities.

Read the press release and the complete IRÉC study on the Federation website under the tab "Salle de presse".

56th session of the UNO Commission on the Status of Women



The 56th session of the UNO Commission on the Status of Women is taking place from February 27 to March 9. It is under the theme of the empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication that government officials, rural women, United Nations and civil society representatives as well as from the media and the private sector meeting. Two representatives from the FIQ, Michèle Boisclair, 1st Vice-President, and Sophie Baillargeon, Union Consultant in the Status of Women Sector, are there during the first week, to follow the work. Go to the FIQ website under the tab "Condition féminine" to read their daily reports from this Commission.