

Press conference by SPSICR in Rimouski



Solange Tremblay, President of the *Syndicat des professionnelles en soins infirmiers et cardio-respiratoires (SPSICR) du CSSS de Rimouski-Neigette* and Daniel Gilbert, Vice-President of the FIQ, convened the media on Friday, October 11 to address the situation following the imposed budget cuts of 5 million dollars last May.

These cuts resulted in the abolition of positions for the healthcare professionals. Madam Tremblay, who is drawing up a balance sheet prior to her retirement, also talked about the union's main challenges of following-up the negotiation of the local collective agreement, the work to be scheduled for the Operating Room and the workload in the CHSLDs.

<http://www.lavantage.qc.ca/actualite/11-10-2013-soins-infirmiers-au-csss-de-rimouski-neigette-le-syndicat-denonce-les-decisions-a-courte-vue>



From left to right: Marie-Claude Ouellet, Brigitte Fauteux, Linda Bouchard, Roberto Bomba, Daniel Gilbert and Michel Maillhot.

Ordre professionnel des inhalothérapeutes du Québec (OPIQ) Convention

The FIQ participated in the OPIQ Annual Convention on October 4 and 5. In addition to the chance to meet several members of the FIQ Executive Committee, including Michel Maillhot, 6th vice-president respiratory therapist. The respiratory therapists could get answers and address questions to FIQ consultants who were holding a booth presenting the various activities of the FIQ. Numerous exchanges took place during these two days.

Sleep outside on October 18...

The Outaouais Regional Action and Consensus Building Table (TRAC) of the FIQ will participate in the 11th Edition of the Night of the Homeless for the region of Outaouais in Hull. It is an act of solidarity bringing together various actors in the community and aims to make the population aware of the reality of the homeless. A citizens' march



Table régionale d'action et de concertation
Outaouais



will start the evening which will continue with various activities including a show. For the occasion, the FIQ healthcare professionals accompanied by physicians from the area will hold a health booth for the homeless. Marie-Claude Ouellet, Secretary of the FIQ and political officer for the TRAC Outaouais - FIQ, will be there to the wee hours of the morning with Line Plante and Nancy Grenier, both spokespersons for the TRAC.

Read the president's blog!

President's blog

Living environment? Care setting?



Blogue de la présidente

The language used by the technocrats is never neutral: from the creation of "living environment" they have put aside the fact that the elderly living in the CHSLDs also need care. In the words of the Minister of Health, Réjean Hébert, the solution for the CHSLDs is mainly the hiring of beneficiary attendants. However, care means a multidisciplinary team and qualified personnel! They say, aging with dignity?

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