

Régine Laurent in the Saguenay



On April 30, the president of the FIQ, Régine Laurent, arrived in the Saguenay-Lac-St-Jean area to support the presidents of the unions in the area and to support the members who are presently experiencing cuts in nursing hours and poor management of organization of work in several CHSLDs. Ms Laurent as well as Audrey Blackburn, President of the *SPSS Lac-St-Jean-Est*, Sandra Chiasson, President of the *SPSICR du CSSS*

Domaine-du-Roy, Martine Côté, President of the *SPSICR du CSSS de Chicoutimi*, and Pauline Paradis, President of the *SPSICR du CSSS Maria-Chapdelaine*, denounced the intolerable working conditions that the healthcare professionals have been confronted with for the last few months. Working in such conditions outright threatens the quality of care and the safety of the patients.



The press release can be read on the Federation website.

Publicity campaign

“Healthcare Hell”

On May 5, the FIQ launched some new publicity aired on the website. With a humorous tone, this publicity takes after a reality TV game show where we can see four healthcare professionals making superhuman efforts during the course of a workweek. The FIQ also wants to demonstrate that the reality at work in the hospital setting often far exceeds fiction and that the healthcare professionals are entitled to work in conditions on a human scale. Watch, “Like” and share this publicity to make as many as possible aware of it!

To see the publicity: www.healthcarehell.tv/

The FIQ participates in the Colloque annuel en sciences infirmières de l’UQAC (UQAC Annual Seminar in Nursing Science)



On May 1, Régine Laurent attended the annual seminar in nursing science of the *Université du Québec à Chicoutimi* (UQAC). She took advantage of the opportunity to warn the people present about the conditions that the healthcare professionals

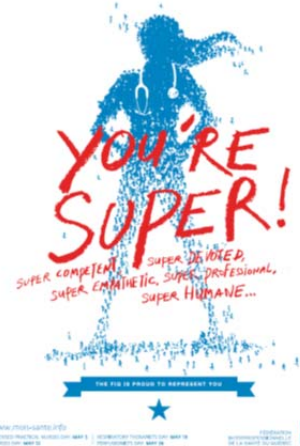


are confronted with in the CHSLDs in the area. She also spoke with the president of the *Ordre des infirmières et infirmiers du Québec*,

Lucie Tremblay. The spokespersons of the Saguenay-Lac-St-Jean Regional Action and Consensus-Building Table held a FIQ information booth in order to meet and talk with the participants.

Happy Health Month to all healthcare professionals!

The month of May is the chance for the Federation to mark Licensed Practical Nurses Day on May 5, Nurses Day on May 12, Respiratory Therapists Day on May 19 and that of the perfusionists on May, 26. This year it is under the



theme “You’re super!” that the FIQ is celebrating the value of these healthcare professionals and how important every one of them is to the community.

www.mois-sante.info

The FIQ is consulting its members on the priorities of the negotiations

All the members of the FIQ are being asked to participate in the consultation general assemblies which will be held in the institutions in the weeks ahead on the sectoral priorities for the negotiations adopted by the delegates at the May 5 and 6 Federal Council. The “FIQ en Action” publication that the members will receive at home will explain these priorities. An electronic version will be put online on the FIQ website as soon as possible. Participate in the consultations, it’s important!

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