

The consequences of the Liberal austerity already being felt at the CSSS de La Montagne

Out in the street three times to demonstrate over the last few weeks, the healthcare professionals and other categories of professionals from the CSSS de La Montagne denounced loud and clear the cuts of 1.2 million dollars scheduled for 2014-2015 and which will mean the abolition of four nurse positions, among others. Present at the demonstrations, the vice-presidents of the Federation, Line Larocque and Claude Boucher, both criticized the disastrous effects of these cuts on the working conditions of the healthcare professionals and on the population in these neighbourhoods.



The SIAM-FIQ objects to the reductions in support for the most vulnerable at CSSS d’Ahuntsic et Montréal-Nord

The personnel at CSSS d’Ahuntsic et Montréal-Nord walked out on the street last Wednesday to denounce the impact of the budget cuts on the direct services to the population. Julie Duchesneau, President of the SIAM-FIQ lamented the loss of nursing positions in school health which play a crucial role with youth. In addition, the president stated she is concerned about the eventual merger of several CSSS into a



megastructure and the repercussions on the working conditions of the healthcare professionals. Onsite, the president of the FIQ, Régine Laurent, and the vice-president, Claude Boucher wanted to support the healthcare professionals.

Régine Laurent calls on Gaétan Barrette to explain the impact of the cuts on health care

Last Monday marked the beginning of the examination of the budget estimates for the Ministry of Health and Social Services in the National Assembly. Régine Laurent, the president of the Federation, took the opportunity to express her grave concerns about the cuts imposed by the government. Citing as examples the ongoing cuts at the CSSS de La Montagne and at the CSSS Ahuntsic et Montréal-Nord, Régine Laurent openly demanded “how can the government still seriously contend that its budget will not affect services to the population?”. On that point, the president also called on Mr. Barrette to “take on his responsibilities and give answers to the citizens”. A meeting between Régine Laurent and the Minister of Health is scheduled this week.

Denunciations with a festive background at the CSSS de Chicoutimi

Gathered in a celebratory atmosphere in front of the Chicoutimi Hospital, the healthcare professionals and other unionized employees at the CSSS de Chicoutimi denounced a situation that is far from cheerful. The cut of about sixty positions and 25 short-term beds, recently announced by the administration, will have a direct effect on patient care. Supported by the population in the area, the personnel of the CSSS de Chicoutimi say they are concerned for the future of the quality of the care because of the work overload which will surely result from these cuts.



The blade of the austerity budget comes down on the centre de réadaptation Gingras-Lindsay-de-Montréal

Régine Laurent and the president of UHCP, Michel Léger, were both present yesterday at the Institut de réadaptation Gingras-Lindsay-de-Montréal to support the healthcare professionals and to denounce the major cuts to come. Among others, 20 healthcare positions will be abolished. “The government’s austerity is jeopardizing the care and the services at the Institut de réadaptation Gingras-Lindsay-de-Montréal”, stated the president of the UHCP. “Today, we are also demonstrating against the absurd decisions of the Leita budget and its cuts that affect all the users of the healthcare system”, pointed out Régine Laurent.

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