

The members of the FIQ Executive continue their tour of institutions around the province!



Régine Laurent and the members of the AIM of CSSS Pierre-Boucher.

In the past few weeks, the President of the FIQ has participated in several gatherings at different Quebec institutions to meet the many members present. After the Grand-Nord and Beauce regions, Régine Laurent visited Hôpital Pierre-Boucher in the Montérégie last week. This week, Line Larocque, Vice-President of the FIQ, will attend a barbecue party at CLSC des Faubourgs-Visitation with healthcare professionals from CSSS Jeanne-Mance.



Inukjuak northern clinic nurses, accompanied by André-Luc Deschênes, Vice-President of the Syndicat nordique des infirmières et infirmiers de la Baie d'Hudson (FIQ) and Régine Laurent.

The President of the FIQ visits the Mauricie, Centre-du-Québec and Outaouais regions to sound out the members for the next round of negotiations

In the past two weeks, Régine Laurent has met with the members of different FIQ-affiliated unions in the Drummondville, Shawinigan, Bécancourt-Nicolet-Yamaska and Gatineau regions to sound out their priorities for the round of negotiations that should begin this fall. At



The members of the Executive of Syndicat des professionnel(le)s en soins de CSSS de l'Énergie (FIQ) and Régine Laurent at a lunch party on the grounds of Hôpital Centre hospitalier du centre de la Mauricie

press briefings in Shawinigan and at Hôpital de Papineau, the President explained to the journalists present that many healthcare professionals are dismayed that every day they must "give up their



Régine Laurent and Stéphane Bertrand, President of Les professionnelles en soins de santé unis de Papineau (FIQ), in front of Hôpital de Papineau

ideal of professional practice, due to the lack of time available to take care of each patient and the inadequacy of some of their working conditions". Based on what she heard in the field, Ms. Laurent could testify to the necessity of implementing healthcare professional/patient ratios that allow the care team to offer safe, quality health care.

Cuts in union positions and creation of management positions – The SPSQ and the FIQ denounce the situation in Kamouraska.

Disregarding the government's recent directions to cut the administrative component of the health institutions' budget, CSSS de Kamouraska recently abolished two care advisor positions to convert them into management positions. "The two persons appointed will have to perform the tasks of unionized employees and managers simultaneously, which is contrary to the Labour Code and the collective agreement," said Linda Bouchard, Vice-

President of the FIQ, who joined the healthcare professionals meeting in La Pocatière last Wednesday, to denounce the situation. The President of the Syndicat des professionnelles en soins de Québec (SPSQ), Julie Ouellet, decried the intention of the institution's management to cut more nurse and licensed nurse practitioner positions, plunging the SPSQ's members "into insecurity".



A motivational video to watch, and watch again!

A camera followed Régine Laurent on some of her trips to the four corners of the province to meet with FIQ members. During these discussions, the members were able to exchange views with their President and tell her about their reality, their concerns and their priorities. The President of the FIQ also used these opportunities to denounce the cuts imposed by the Couillard government. Discover images of these unforgettable moments at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hwx4xrGXxbs&list=UUZsXnFQFnixntGK82paj3fA>

The healthcare professionals of the Syndicat des professionnelles en santé (SPS) du CSSS Vaudreuil-Soulanges (FIQ) say no to the new CLSC's parking prices.

Early last Wednesday morning, members of the Executive of SPS de Vaudreuil-Soulanges distributed leaflets to denounce the CLSC's new pricing, both for users and for the employees who work there, even those who have to use their car as part of their work as healthcare professionals. The Union Executive considers this new policy discriminatory. In fact, since the CLSC is poorly served by public transport, many people have to get there by car, in addition to people with reduced mobility for whom a trip

by any other means than by car can be complicated. For users who must visit the CLSC frequently, whether for blood draws or to change their dressings, this pricing could be an obstacle to receiving health care and services.

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