

The Executive Committee members continue their tour throughout Québec

Several members of the Executive visited members of the FIQ, either surprising them in their workplace or at special events organized by their union. In particular, last week, Nancy Bédard, Vice-President of the FIQ, went to *Centre hospitalier Chauveau*, while Claude Boucher and Line Larocque, also Vice-Presidents, respectively visited the institutions of *CSSS Bécancour-Nicolet-Yamaska* and *CSSS Ahuntsic and Montréal-Nord*. On the occasion of a barbecue at *Hôpital Maisonneuve-Rosemont*, Marie-Claude Ouellette, Secretary of the FIQ, and Roberto Bomba,



Photo :
Centre hospitalier Chauveau



Mariève Dufour, HMR local representative, Marie-Claude Ouellette, FIQ Executive Secretary and Marie-Chantal Mireault, PSSU Vice-president

Treasurer, dined with healthcare professionals. Michel Maillot and Daniel Gilbert, both Vice-Presidents, each met the healthcare professionals of *CSSS Les Eskers* and *CSSS St-Léonard et St-Michel*. Linda Bouchard, Vice-President, and Régine Laurent, President, this week will go to *CSSS Jeanne-Mance* to discuss and dine with the members. Régine Laurent's presence was also greatly appreciated during her visit to *Hôpital Charles-Lemoyne*, where she waited for healthcare professionals leaving the hospital at the end of the evening shift and spent a good part of the night

with the members working at that time. The President of the FIQ will also attend a rally at *Hôpital Santa-Cabrini* on July 31. Bravo to all the teams for organizing these memorable events and these fine meetings!



Régine Laurent, FIQ President, Chantal Tancrède, AIM President and Julie Inkel, AIM Union Representative at *Hôpital Charles-Lemoyne*



Régine Laurent visits the Lower St. Lawrence to discuss the issues of the next negotiations with healthcare professionals

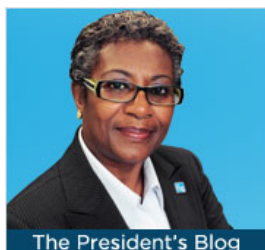
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“The race for the negotiations is well under way and I hope we will find an agreement at the finish line in which the value of all healthcare professionals is recognized,” Régine Laurent explained. At a press conference, the President of the FIQ mentioned that the problems of attraction and retention of staff in health institutions, instability of positions and heavy workload and schedules are among the members' major concerns. She took the opportunity to visit the healthcare professionals of *Centre de santé et de services sociaux (CSSS) de la Matapédia*, in Amqui and *Lac-au-Saumon*.

GROUP PRESCRIPTIONS:

THE GOVERNMENT MUST APPLY THE LAW!

In two simultaneous releases, the President of the FIQ, Régine Laurent, and the Vice-President, Daniel Gilbert, respectively in Montreal and Rivière-du-Loup, denounced the Government's inertia in the application of the law concerning group prescriptions. “The law that allows group prescriptions was adopted 12 years ago, but the resistance in the work environment is so strong that they are almost nonexistent in several Quebec health institutions,” Régine Laurent pointed out. Present in Rivière-du-Loup to denounce a regional situation that is particularly evocative of the consequences of this lack of firmness in applying the law, Daniel Gilbert, accompanied by Julie Ouellette, President of the SPSQ, and Édith Samson, Local President of the union, argued that “the Notre-Dame-des-Sept-Douleurs clinic is a striking example where group prescriptions would be highly beneficial to ensure safe quality care”.



The President's Blog

Reduction of reliance on independent labour – Don't say just anything!

Read the President's last blog, in which she strongly denounces the demagoguery shown by certain labour organizations in claiming major gains concerning the reduction of reliance on independent labour. In reading this blog, you will recognize that the FIQ's track record on the issue shows that its

sustained and relentless work is responsible for the giant steps achieved in the health network over the past few years: