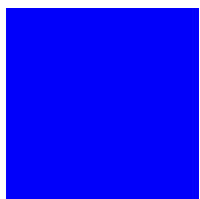


“It’s the beginning of our demonstrations against the cuts” - Régine Laurent

On September 29, the first in a series of demonstrations denouncing the devastating impacts that the cuts imposed by Minister Barrette will have on the healthcare institutions, took place at the *CSSS Haut-Richelieu-Rouville*.

Hundreds of delegates from the Federation, meeting at a Special Federal Council in Laval, boarded chartered buses in order to support their colleagues and the population in the *Montérégie* who will face the full force of these massive cuts.

See the images from this major demonstration at www.youtube.com/watch?v=dx3Po_Gvhjc.



Carré bleu (“Blue Square”) campaign

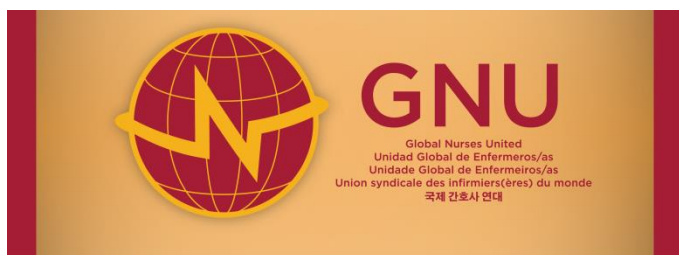
As part of its *Carré bleu* Campaign, *Action santé Outaouais* (Health Action) invited the population to wear the blue square as a sign of resistance to the major cutbacks which are destroying the healthcare system. It’s a question of the survival of the public health and social services system, already weakened by successive government directives which never stop putting undue pressure on the nursing staff. *Action santé Outaouais* is denouncing the impacts of the budget cutbacks on the direct services to the population in the region and is demanding a meeting with the Liberal Party caucus to let them know that the public healthcare system has to be further developed and improved.

It was the turn of the *CSSS de la Matapédia* team to talk with the Executive Committee



For a few years now, the Executive Committee has made it a habit of having breakfast with representatives of the unions affiliated with the Federation at its decision-making meetings. At the most recent Special Federal Council, Mélanie Bérubé and Pascale-Annick Gignac, from the *CSSS de la Matapédia* union team, had the chance to talk with some of the political officers. At the heart of the discussions: Bill 10, the next round of negotiations and the recent raiding period.

GNU officially founded!



Global Nurses United (GNU) was officially born last month. Roberto Bomba, Treasurer of the Federation, attended the founding convention, held in Las Vegas. At this first meeting, the new organization, which is intended to be a forum for exchange and international networking between the nursing union forces, addressed the following themes in particular: nurse to patient ratios, the Robin Hood tax, climate changes and free-trade agreements.

Congratulations to Sabsa!



At the latest *Gala découvertes coopératives*, SABSAs, a health cooperative offering services to a vulnerable clientele with a sexually-transmitted or blood transmitted infection, was a nominee. The Federation wants to offer its most sincere congratulations to this Québec body which has distinguished itself by its personalized healthcare services.

Remember that, last June, the FIQ got the ball rolling on a first pilot project for a neighbourhood clinic through SABSAs. The latter’s mission will be to offer the public front-line services provided by healthcare professionals, thus bringing a concrete solution to the problems of access to front-line healthcare.

Ebola - Additional means demanded

On September 25 last, when he was representing the Federation at the founding convention of Global Nurses United, Roberto Bomba, Treasurer of the FIQ, took part in a demonstration in Las Vegas, to denounce the lack of means supplied by the United States to combat the Ebola epidemic. Nearly 1,000 nurses marched in the city’s streets

