

The Interunion coalition on mental health asks that Minister Couillard take action

Almost one year after having sounded the alarm about the risks related to the lack of planning in view of the reorganization of mental health services on the Montreal territory, union organizations observe that the Health and Social Services agency has not been able to coordinate the transfers of clientele and human resources presented in the ministerial action plan.

The waiting lists are growing longer and the consequences of the shortage of specialized personnel are constantly getting worse. Several CSSSs that were supposed to receive patients until now treated in psychiatric hospital centres will have difficulty shouldering their new responsibilities.

With the coming of Mental Health Week, unions announced that they would coordinate in order to negotiate, for each institution concerned, a transfer protocol in view of reducing the impact of the reform on the affected clientele. Nevertheless, ministerial intervention is essential in order for the negotiations to make progress.

Essential allies

During the month of May, declared to be Health Month, the FIQ celebrates Nursing Assistants Day, Nurses Day, Respiratory Therapists Day, and Perfusionists Day. This year, the theme is "Essential allies to deliver care." On May 5, 12, 19 and 26, various activities are organized in order to stress the important contribution of nursing and cardiorespiratory care professionals to the health-care network.



At a press conference on April 28, from left to right: Michel Tremblay (CSN), Jean-Philippe Grade (CSN), Daniel Gilbert (FIQ), Maria Piazza (APTS) and Guy Jolicoeur (SCFP)

PSI 2008 Action Plan

From March 30 to April 1st, the President of the FIQ attended various meetings at the *Public Services International* (ISP) conference held in Panama. On this occasion, the participants adopted a plan of action for the year 2008, including issues such as pay equity between women and men, the right to water and the fight against racism and xenophobia. Moreover, they agreed to organize workshops in order to publicise the role and orientations of the PSI among the youth in the Americas.

Essential allies in providing care

Nursing Assistants Day  May 5, 2008
an ally

Nurses Day  May 12, 2008
an ally

Respiratory Therapists Day  May 19, 2008
an ally

Perfusionists Day  May 26, 2008
an ally

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TOGETHER FOR HEALTH

2008

Large march in Montréal
Saturday May 3, 2008
Rally beginning at 11 a.m.
Leaving La Fontaine Park at 1 p.m.

For International Workers Day, the SISF invites its members to participate in large numbers.

FOR INFORMATION
FIQ members who would like to go to the march are invited to contact their union.



Coming events

05.01

International Workers Day

05.03

Together for health: Quebec wide demonstration in Montreal

05.05

Assistant Nurses Day

12.05

Nurses Day

05.19

Respiratory Therapists Day

05.26

Perfusionists Day

06.02 to 06.06

8th Convention of the FIQ