

## Save the SABSA clinic

“Minister Gaétan Barrette is willing to deprive people of the SABSA (low threshold services) proximity clinic, which saves the State close to \$200,000 per year, as demonstrated by the researchers from the *Équipe de Soins Primaires Intégrés* (Integrated Primary Healthcare Team) from the University of Montreal and Laval University. The minister must stop thinking of primary care as physicians’ exclusive purview. The specialized

nurse practitioner and the nurses working in this clinic have proved themselves and have demonstrated that there are many ways to offer quality care more efficiently and economically. We ask that the Minister of Health revoke his decision and that he ensure the sustainability and economic wellbeing of the SABSA Cooperative,” declared the President of the Federation Régine Laurent during a press conference held in Quebec on March 22, 2016.

Take part in the movement to help the *Coopérative de solidarité SABSA* by liking and sharing the *Sauvons la Clinique SABSA* (save the SABSA clinic) **Facebook page**.

You are also encouraged to sign the petition to save the SABSA clinic, called ***Sauvegarde de la Clinique d’infirmières de la Coopérative de solidarité SABSA à Québec*** on the website of the National Assembly.



## A budget that will hurt patients even more

“This budget will hurt patients even more. For a third consecutive year, there will once again be significant cuts in the health and social services sector that will send the public system into intensive care.” These are the words chosen by the FIQ President Régine Laurent as a reaction to the 2016-2017 budget that was presented on March 17, 2016.

“With an expenditure growth of only 2.4% for health and social services, the liberal government is imposing significant cuts in all sectors. Patients and healthcare professionals throughout Quebec will be the ones footing the bill. This budget will make tasks even more difficult for nurses, licensed practical nurses, respiratory therapists and perfusionists,” she added.

### The FIQ celebrates International Women’s Day on March 8!



The team from the *Alliance interprofessionnelle de Montréal (FIQ-AIM)* from the *CISSS de la Montérégie-Est, Pierre-Boucher* territory, invited their healthcare professionals to come discuss the need for feminism in 2016.

The *Syndicat des professionnelles en soins infirmiers et cardiorespiratoires de Maria-Chapdelaine (FIQ)* handed out fruit baskets and treats to their members.



The team from the *Syndicat des professionnelles en soins de Saint-Jérôme (FIQ)* organized a kiosk and did a tour of their centres of activities to hand out chocolates.

### Meeting with the Minister of Status of Women



On March 7, 2016, the members of the *Collectif 8 mars* (March 8 Collective), of which the FIQ is a member, took

advantage of their meeting with the Minister of Status of Women, Lise Thériault, to inform her of their cause and to demand clear commitments from her government in order to aid in the advancement of women and to achieve equality for all women.

### AN IMPORTANT WIN FOR THE LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES OF THE FIQ



On March 16, 2016, the FIQ and the CPNSSS (management bargaining committee for health and social services) signed an agreement to create the job title of a candidate to the profession of licensed practical nursing (CPLPN). This is a significant advancement that the FIQ gained during the last negotiations, which was even implemented before the ratification of the new collective agreement.