

BOARD ROOM NEWS

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RENEWAL OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In addition to the appointment of Ms. Guylaine Malaison as representative of the education community, the Board of Directors appointed the members of its committees, except for the Human Resources Committee, which is renewed every two years. Aside from ex officio members, members are appointed for a one-year term, but it is renewable.

Here is the composition of the committees:

Governance and Ethics Committee

Johanne Beaudoin

Josée Francoeur

Jean-Pierre Porlier

Denis Miousse

Solange Turgeon

Guylaine Malaison

Manon Asselin, PED (ex officio member)

Audit Committee

Michaël Lavigne

Ginette Côté

Diane Ouellet

Jean-Pierre Porlier

Benoit Méthot

Manon Asselin, PED (permanent guest)

Jean-Philippe Comtois, Director of financial resources (permanent guest)

Watchdog Committee

Jean-Pierre Porlier

Ginette Côté

Michaël Lavigne

Manon Asselin, PED (ex officio member)

Manon Bourgeois, Service Quality and Complaints Commissioner (ex officio member)

Denis Miousse (permanent guest)

Geneviève Deschênes, Director of multidisciplinary services, quality, evaluation, performance and ethics (permanent guest)

Human Resources Committee

Solange Turgeon

Diane Ouellet

Jean-Pierre Porlier

Johanne Beaudoin

Manon Asselin, PED (permanent guest)

Christine Pelletier, Director of human resources, communications and legal affairs (permanent guest)

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Next meeting of the Board of Directors:

November 15, 2023

Annual general information meeting:

November 14, 2023



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ENHANCEMENT OF THE FUNDING OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Additional funding of \$1 285 400 from the Community organization support program (PSOC) is granted to the region, bringing the annual budget to \$23 140 492. Consequently, 67 organizations recognized by the PSOC and financed in the global mission have enhanced funding.

The amount is distributed based on the *Cadre de reconnaissance et de financement des organismes communautaires de la Côte-Nord*. Requests from organizations are analyzed based on their eligibility and criteria such as compliance with regulations of the PSOC and demonstration of the need for additional funding. Over the past five years, the PSOC has been enhanced by over \$5.5M.

REVISION OF THE USER TRANSPORTATION POLICY

The Board of Directors has adopted the revision of the User Transportation Policy of the Centre intégré de santé et de services sociaux (CISSS) de la Côte-Nord. It reflects the changes made to the provincial policy, including the annual indexation of living expenses, escort expenses and the allowance per kilometre, based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The new rates, which are already in place, are \$0.21 per kilometre, \$115.24 per night for accommodation and \$49,35 per night for the escort.

The User Transportation Policy provides financial support to users whose health condition meets criteria for elective cases, namely medically required and prescribed diagnostic services and treatments, but that are not available in the region. For more details, visit the website of the [CISSS de la Côte-Nord](#).

REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE ACCESS TO SERVICES IN ENGLISH

The Board of Directors has appointed the seven members of the North Shore Regional Committee for the Program of Access to Health Services and Social Services in the English Language. Five members of the committee continue for a second three-year term, while two members join the committee for a first term in order to fill two vacancies. In this regard, a call for applications was launched in May with 11 organizations that promote the interests of the region's English-speaking population.

Members of the committee

Jody Lessard, Baie-Comeau

Mary Ellen Beaulieu, Baie-Comeau

Kayla Kippen, Lower North Shore

Samantha Lessard-Dumas, Lower North Shore

Melody Strickland, Lower North Shore

Marc-André Masse, Lower North Shore (new member)

Constance Monger, Lower North Shore (new member)

The mandate of the committee is, in particular, to express its views to the CISSS de la Côte-Nord and to evaluate the program of access to health services and social services in the English language.

PURCHASE OF A HOUSE IN HAVRE-SAINT-PIERRE

The Board of Directors has approved the purchase of a house located at 1572, rue Copaco in Havre-Saint-Pierre by Corélo (Corporation régionale de logement). Beforehand, the building was inspected by professionals in early September 2023. The CISSS de la Côte-Nord will lease the residence to Corélo for the accommodation of medical staff.

APPOINTMENT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR

The Board of Director has approved the appointment of Mallette, société de comptables professionnels agréés, as external auditor for the 2023-2024 financial year, following a favourable recommendation from the Direction des ressources financières and the Audit Committee. The services of the firm will cost \$68 000.

In the current context related to the upcoming adoption of Bill 15 and its potential impacts on the auditing of financial statements, the CISSS has decided to extend the term of the current external auditor with a one-year over-the-counter contract, below the public call for tenders threshold.

Under the Act respecting health services and social services, a public establishment must appoint an external before September 30 each year.