

**Meeting of the Board of Directors
held on October 24, 2011, at the Centre communautaire de l'Est**

During their October 24th meeting, the members of the Board of Directors (BOD) of the West Island HSSC discussed, among other things, issues pertaining to the access to general practitioners on the territory, the reappointment of the members of the BOD and Accreditation

Here is a brief report of their meeting.

Follow-up on the accessibility to general practitioners

Suzanne Turmel explained that the total number of clients waiting for a referral to a family physician via the HSSC's one-stop access point is currently 779. She pointed out that she is very aware of the accessibility issue in the West Island. A few measures have already been implemented to counter the problem. Five years ago, the creation of two Family Medicine Groups and the opening of three network clinics have attracted new physicians and have brought good results. Suzanne Turmel has asked the ministère de la Santé et des services sociaux to help open a school for medical residents to train general practitioners in the West Island. The project should start in spring 2012. In addition, a nurse specialized in psychiatry was assigned in medical clinics in order to accelerate the assessment of patients with mental health problems, which relieves the work load of general practitioners.

Reappointment of the members of the Board of Directors

Richard Legault revealed the members of the new BOD that have been designated until now:

- Council of Nurses: Lucie Ladouceur
- Council of Midwives: Christiane Léonard
- Multidisciplinary Council: Marianne Ferraiuolo
- CPDP: D^r Mladen Palaic
- Foundations: Susan McKercher
- Non clinical Personnel: Marc Brunet
- Users' Committee: Louis Bellemare and Evelyn Meaney

Update on Accreditation

All the information needed has been entered on the Accreditation portal. The HSSC is now waiting for a response. The next Accreditation will take place in November 2013 and preparations will begin starting in February 2012. Congratulations were transmitted to Venise Calluzzo for her sustained efforts and her excellent work pertaining to Accreditation.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the BOD will take place on November, 28 2011, at the Lakeshore General Hospital.