

# IMPROVING THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM: IT'S EASIER THAN THEY THINK!



## The reform must be based on solid foundations

Minister Dubé's reform plan contains some good ideas but it's more of a grocery list of disparate items than a coherent vision. To get our health care system back on its feet, we must jettison the ideas that brought us to this dead end in the first place. Keeping unmanageable megastructures such as the CISSSs and CIUSSSs is not the solution. Neither is increased privatization. If these ideas were sound, we wouldn't be where we are today.

**The best basis for revamping the network is simply to provide *public services* of high quality and make them readily available to all, not creating business opportunities for the private sector.**

## The public and staff must have input

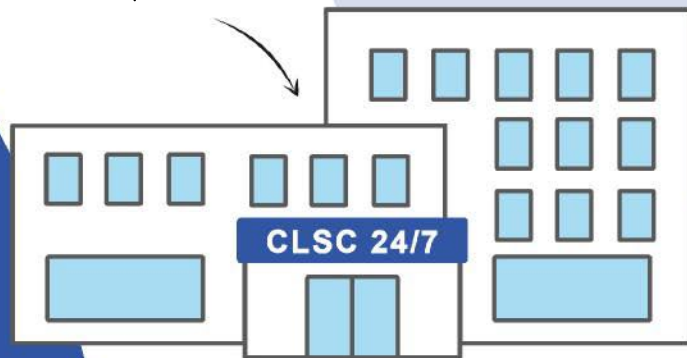
We all care about the health of our community and the health and social services we receive. Decisions about the organization of local care and services must involve the community and the people who provide the services. They are in the best position to come up with solutions since they are the ones who experience the system first-hand and feel the direct impacts.

## CLSCs: the obvious solution

Real **decentralization** means more than adding managers at the institutions. It means organizing services locally to meet local needs. The solution is close at hand: there are already CLSCs in every community. They are the key to meeting the local population's needs and restoring purpose to our workplaces.

Imagine if CLSCs were front and centre in the system, if they were open round the clock and offered a wide range of frontline medical, psychological and social services. Being embedded in the community, they can work more effectively on **prevention** and on the social and economic factors that influence health. Prevention is cheaper than a cure: this is a win-win!

Medical, psychological  
& social frontline



## Let's restore confidence in the system

**We need a health care system that makes sense and that people trust: a public service that is responsive to community needs, accessible, democratically managed, locally planned, transparent and prevention-oriented, a system people want to work for. As citizens and workers, we are entitled to a system that serves the common good. Talk about it with the people you know!**