

**Highlights of the Meeting of the Board of Directors  
of the Integrated Health and Social Services University Network  
for West-Central Montreal**

April 14, 2016  
Jewish Eldercare Centre – Schweitzer Auditorium

**Question from the public**

Two representatives of *Médecins du monde* asked the Board to pass a resolution explicitly expressing its support for maintaining the confidentiality of the healthcare information of immigrants. Alan Maislin and Francine Dupuis said that while the concept is worthy, West-Central Montreal Health already protects the confidentiality of everyone who receives healthcare services.

**Ethics and research**

A series of resolutions was passed to establish a single Research Review Office for West-Central Montreal Health. Felicia Tiseo explained that with the elimination of ethics committees from all of the network's institutions, the new office will act as an efficient focal point for anyone in the network who wishes to conduct research. The office will consist of two committees: Medical/Biomedical and First Line/Psychosocial/Geriatrics.

**Biomedical assets**

Approval was given to a request by Dan Gabay to replace approximately \$6 million of biomedical equipment in facilities throughout the network. Mr. Gabay said the funding will come from the government, but the Board's approval is needed before the application can be considered by the government.

**Audit Committee**

Mordecai Yalovsky reported that a balanced budget is projected for the fiscal year.

**Governance and Ethics Committee**

The Code of Ethics for members of the Board was adopted. The charter of the Governance and Ethics Committee was also adopted.

**Presentation on treating strokes**

Dr. Jeffrey Minuk, Chief of the Department of Neurosciences at the Jewish General Hospital, outlined the many significant advances in the treatment and care of stroke patients since the 1980s. He noted that while emergency care and acute treatment are provided at the JGH, the hospital works closely with other network facilities——e.g.,

Richardson Hospital, Catherine-Booth Hospital, the Constance-Lethbridge Rehabilitation Centre—to deliver a full trajectory of care.

### **Integration projects**

Ms. Dupuis provided an overview of the integration process of the clinical departments. She also noted the success of West-Central Montreal Health over the past year in having helped 34,000 people to register with family physicians, and in assisting more than 84 individuals with mental health difficulties to be transferred to community services.

**Next Board meeting:** May 12 at Jewish Eldercare Centre