

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

September 15, 2016  
Jewish General Hospital – Samuel S. Cohen Auditorium

**General information**

As the new Chairman of the JGH Foundation, Edward Wiltzer replaces Howard Dermer on the CIUSSS Board of Directors.

**Report from the President and CEO**

Dr. Lawrence Rosenberg stated that after coverage in the news media earlier this summer about his comments on the search for a new CEO for the MUHC, there have been no new developments. Dr. Rosenberg emphasized that he has not been offered the position, nor has a formal request been issued for his vision of a possible partnership among the MUHC, CIUSSS West-Central Montreal and the CIUSSS of West Montreal. The search process has been suspended by the Ministry of Health and Social Services, in whose hands this matter now rests.

Dr. Rosenberg also reported that he met with the Health Minister, who said he was considering an investment of approximately \$200 million in three areas:

- the Program for the Autonomy of Seniors
- a reduction in waiting times for diagnostic imaging services, particularly MRI scans
- the transfer of patients from hospitals (which provide a level of care that patients no longer need) to long-term care residences, rehabilitation facilities or intermediate resources, whichever is most appropriate

**Adoption of changes to the CIUSSS policy on end-of-life care**

Standing in for Dr. Louise Miner, Danielle Schryer explained the following three proposed changes to the CIUSSS policy on end-of-life care, which were subsequently adopted by the Board:

1. When a patient requests assistance in dying, the request must be witnessed and signed by two additional individuals. If those individuals are members of the patient's family, they must not be named as beneficiaries in the patient's will. Ideally, the witnesses should be members of the healthcare staff or they should be employed in a capacity related to health care, with no previous familiarity with the patient.

2. A 48-hour interval must exist between the first and second evaluations of the patient, in order to give the patient an opportunity to carefully consider his/her decision after the first evaluation has been completed.
3. An interval of at least 10 days must exist between signing the document and implementing the end-of-life act.

### **The financial report of the Audit Committee**

Approval was given to the financial update, a request for long-term loans and a request to borrow funds for cash-flow purposes.

### **Report from Ernst & Young**

Dr. Rosenberg reported that Ernst & Young has an initial list of 160 opportunities that would enable the CIUSSS to be more economical in its expenditures. However, a review of the healthcare network determined that some measures were already in place, while others (which had been implemented in other jurisdictions) were incompatible with Quebec’s laws and regulations. This left a list of approximately 50 proposals, which Dr. Rosenberg will circulate to members of the Board.

### **Accreditation**

Chantal Bellerose updated the Board on the preparations for accreditation.

### **Presentation on Quality**

Felicia Tiseo delivered a presentation on Quality. A report based on this presentation must be circulated to members of the Board before it can be adopted.

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The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on

**Thursday, October 27  
7:30 a.m.  
Jewish Eldercare Centre  
5725 Victoria Avenue  
Montreal, Quebec H3W 3H6**

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