Board Info

Information bulletin of the meeting of the Board of Directors

Highlights of the scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors
Regular meeting of Thursday, June 15, 2021 (by teleconference)

Report from the Chairman of the Board
Alan Maislin thanked the vaccination teams for their outstanding work, which helped ensure that the experience was very positive for users getting their vaccines.

Report from the President and CEO
Dr. Lawrence Rosenberg noted that Montreal is now a yellow zone and that the number of cases at the Jewish General Hospital continues to decline. The vaccination program is running at full speed and the praise from users is high.

Dr. Rosenberg provided an update on the strategic plan for digital health. Presentations on the progress that has been made were delivered at the Ministry of Health and Social Services (MSSS), including to the Minister responsible for the digital health, and to Paul L’Archevêque, Director of the Bureau de l’Innovation. A discussion with the Deputy Minister, Dominique Savoie, took place and will be followed by a presentation in the coming weeks. All expressed enthusiasm for this project and are interested in learning more. Other steps will be taken with various people in the Ministry, such as submitting a dossier d’opportunité, in order to share the work accomplished at the CIUSSS and to drive this important project forward. Dr. Rosenberg suggested that the presentation that was made to the MSSS also be given to Board members in September.

A meeting with the MSSS was also organized to discuss the CIUSSS’s academic mission. The meeting, led by Cindy Starnino, Director of Academic Affairs, highlighted the important role that this mission plays in the development of a strong health network.

A meeting of approximately 30 directors of FMGs in the CIUSSS’s area was recently held to discuss current and future issues, and to see how everyone can work more effectively.

Administrative affairs
Beverly Kravitz, Director of Human Resources, Communications, Legal Affairs and Global Security, explained that the process of appointing a Director of Access to Community Medical Services for the Montreal DRMG has been completed.

The board unanimously appointed Sébastien Blin as Director, effective June 15, 2021.

Modification to the CIUSSS’s organizational chart
Ms. Kravitz discussed changes to the organizational chart, explaining that the MSSS has authorized the addition of senior management positions to its organizational structure. The changes include the addition of three positions of associate director in the directorates of Mental Health and Addiction,
Academic Affairs, and Quality, Innovation, Evaluation, Performance and Ethics. Additional changes will be made to the organizational chart in the coming months. The board approved this new chart.

Audit Committee
Morty Yalovsky, President of the Audit Committee, presented the financial statements for the Operating Fund (principle and supplementary activities) as well as for the capital budget for the year ending March 31, 2021. The results were generally in line with what was previously projected. Mr. Yalovsky reported that the CIUSSS is ending the 2020-2021 fiscal year with a deficit of $2,807,879. He also said the meeting with the auditors went well, with no evidence of fraud, significant errors or anomalies. A rigorous monitoring of the CIUSSS’s COVID-19 expenditures was praised, as was the collaboration and professionalism of the Finance team.

Academic Affairs Committee
Dr. David Eidelman, President of the Academic Affairs Committee, submitted the annual report of the CIUSSS’s Research Ethics Committee. He informed the members of the Board that an external evaluation of the Research Ethics Committee and the Science Research Committee was conducted over the past several months. A report on the conclusion of this evaluation, along with the Committee’s plan of action, will be presented to the Board of Directors at the next meeting.

Re-appointments
The Board of Directors has renewed the appointment of Dr. Richard Margolese for one year as Chair of the Science Committee and as Vice-Chair and Scientific Member of the Research Ethics Committee – Medical/Biomedical Component (clinical trials).

Me Alain Klotz’s nomination has also been renewed as Chairman of the Research Ethics Committee – Psychosocial Component, and as a legal member of the Research Ethics Committee – Psychosocial Component and the Medical/Biomedical Component (clinical trials).

Re-appointment of members of the Research Ethics Committee
The Board reappointed:

- Mr. Michael Lang: legal member of the Research Ethics Committee – Psychosocial Component and Medical/Biomedical Component (clinical trials).
- Dr. Robert Biskin: member of the Research Ethics Committee – Medical/Biomedical Component (clinical trials).
- Maria Lombardi: community representative member of the Research Ethics Committee – Psychosocial Component.
- Norma Santoro community representative member of the Research Ethics Committee – Psychosocial Component.
- Professor Mary Maguire: scientific member (replacement) of the Research Ethics Committee – Psychosocial Component.
Appointment of members to the Research Ethics Committee
The Board approved the appointments of:

- Antoine Boudreau-Leblanc: scientific member – Psychosocial Component.
- Rosine Tchatchoua Djomo: non-voting member – Psychosocial Component.
- Chantal Lefebvre: non-voting member – Medical/Biomedical Component (clinical trials).

The three mandates are valid for two years and are renewable.

2020-2021 Annual Report of the Research Ethics Committee of CRIR Institutions
Dr. Eidelman submitted the annual report of the Research Ethics Committee of the CRIR, of which the CIUSSS is a member, as well as the renewal of mandates of the members of this committee. The report was accepted, and the mandate of the following members of the Research Ethics Committee of the CRIR were renewed:

- Karine Bédard: member specialized in ethics (substitute member)
- Evelina Pituch: clinician member with extensive knowledge of motor or neurological impairments (substitute member)
- Geneviève Martel-Thériault: clinician member with extensive knowledge of motor or neurological impairments (substitute member)
- Claude Larouche: member who is not affiliated with the institution and who is considered a minor or disabled (substitute member)

These mandates are valid for two years, beginning May 31, 2021.

Appointment of members to the Advisory Committee of the Lethbridge-Layton-Mackay Rehabilitation Centre
Gary Stoopler, Director of Rehabilitation and Multidisciplinary Services presented the appointments for the Lethbridge-Layton-Lackay Rehabilitation Centre’s Advisory Committee. The mandates of the following members were renewed:

- Paul Gareau and Diane States, from April 11, 2021, to April 10, 2024
- Randi Robbins, from June 30, 2021, to June 29, 2024

Enza deCubellis and Sara Saber-Freedman were appointed members of the Advisory Committee of the Lethbridge-Layton-Mackay Rehabilitation Centre, from June 15, 2021, to June 14, 2024.

2020-2021 Annual Report
Dr. Elizabeth MacNamara, President of the Council of Physicians, Dentists and Pharmacists (CPDP), submitted the annual report of the CPDP, noting that 2020–2021 was particularly difficult for physicians and healthcare workers in general. She suggested that the Board of Directors send a message of thanks to the CIUSSS’s employees and professionals. She also announced her departure as President of the CPDP. Alan Maislin thanked Dr. MacNamara for her years of service on the CPDC.

Maëcha Nault, Head of Midwife Services, submitted the 2020–2021 annual report of the Midwives’ Council. Midwives continued to provide services during the pandemic. In 2020–2021, their services
became part of the Children-Families-Youth services to support nurses conducting post-natal follow-ups and to offer pre-natal classes and to approximately 200 mothers.

Elisabeth Laughrea, President of the Council of Nurses, submitted the 2020–2021 Annual Report. The Council’s activities were very limited due to the pandemic.

Nicolas Masse, President of the Multidisciplinary Council (MC), submitted annual reports for 2019–2020 and 2020–2021. The Council’s activities were affected by the pandemic and expenses were kept to a minimum. Mr. Masse also said elections would soon be held for the Council’s executive members. He highlighted the extraordinary work by council members during the pandemic and their remarkable ability to adapt. In closing, the President shared the results of the Recognition Awards that were handed out during the Annual General Meeting of the MC on April 6.

Lucio D’Intino, President of the Users’ Committee, submitted the 2020–2021 Annual Report for all CIUSSS users’ committees. The working structure was improved over the course of the year, with a view to facilitating communication and collaboration among the users’ committees of various institutions and with the CIUSSS’s various directorates. Volunteers working within the users’ committees were thanked for their dedication and support for users and their families throughout the pandemic. Irène Demczuk, the resource person of the CIUSSS Users’ Committee, presented the key achievements of the year, the 2020–2021 action plan, and the recommendations of the Users’ Committee.

Chantal Bellerose, Associate to the Director of Quality, Innovation, Evaluation, Performance and Ethics, presented the annual report of the Risk Management Committee, highlighting accomplishments across the CIUSSS. The report wrapped up with a presentation about accident and incidents by directorate, sector or activity, and level of severity.

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The Board approved all annual reports presented during the meeting

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**Tuesday, September 30, 2021, at 7:30 a.m. by videoconference**

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