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Community looks forward to MUHC resolution

Montreal – July 10, 2017 – The crisis in governance and leadership at the McGill University Health Centre has moved a substantial step closer to being resolved following today’s mass resignation of independent board members, said the Quebec Community Groups Network (QCGN). “Each of these board members deserve to be commended for having done the right thing,” said QCGN Vice-president Geoffrey Chambers. “The English-speaking community acknowledges the sincere effort and hard work that each has given during their Board service. They have earned our respect and our thanks, in equal measure.”

With the governance situation no longer at an impasse, the QCGN urges that all parties now work together to ensure that successor board members are selected on the basis of strong community involvement coupled with a profound understanding of and familiarity with the operational characteristics of the Quebec health and social-services network.

“We are confident that the right individuals will now be enabled to step forward, roll up their sleeves and tackle the challenge of moving this fundamental community institution forward into a brighter future, in the direction it needs to go,” Chambers said. “We very much hope and believe that Quebec Health Minister Gaetan Barrette will choose to play the appropriate role in this process.”

The Quebec Community Groups Network (www.qcgn.ca) is a not-for-profit organization bringing together 53 English-language community organizations across Quebec. As a centre of evidence-based expertise and collective action it identifies, explores and addresses strategic issues affecting the development and vitality of the English-speaking community of Quebec and encourages dialogue and collaboration among its member organizations, individuals, community groups, institutions and leaders.

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