



Get Ready for Health and Social Service Elections: Alliance Quebec

Montreal, October 1, 1996 - Alliance Quebec wants to ensure that English-speaking Quebecers participate in the management of the health and social services institutions which serve us.

Every three years, public institutions - hospitals, CLSCs, rehabilitation and long-term care centres - elect a new board of directors. In every case, several positions are reserved for members of the public - five for a CLSC and four for all other institutions. These people will be elected in a public election organized by the institution on November 25.

"Boards of Directors of institutions must be representative of the population they serve," Alliance Quebec president Michael Hamelin said in a statement.

"It's crucial that the English-speaking community get involved in these elections," Hamelin said. "Unless you're at the table with the people who define the priorities and orientations of your institution, you're going to be left out. It's even more important outside Montreal where institutions operate mostly in French with only a few members of personnel from the English-speaking community.

"Alliance Quebec will be playing a major role in telling the community about the elections," Hamelin added. "We'll be publishing pamphlets about the elections and holding information meetings. So many changes have been going on with the health and social services system, some people feel quite powerless. This is one way they can make a difference."

Notices will soon appear in the local media giving more details of the institutions in each region. nominations must be received no later than October 31.

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