

NEWSLETTER

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NETWORK RECOVERY PLAN: IT'S GROUNDHOG DAY!

Dear Members,

The media have informed us that the CAQ government has appointed the former right-hand man of Gaétan Barrette, Mr. Daniel Desharnais, as Assistant Deputy Minister of the Network Coordination Branch and has mandated him to prepare of a "recovery" plan for the "refoundation" of the sector.

With all due respect to Mr. Desharnais, his only feat in our network is to have been Chief of Staff for Minister Barrette, from April 2014 to October 2017, right in the heart of the reform that completely distorted our network and created a toxic environment long before the pandemic came to finish us off.

Specialized in communications, the new assistant deputy minister does not seem to have worked in the network of Health and Social Services other than to have been the chief of staff of Minister Barrette. It seems to us that such a recovery plan must consider the expertise of the people who work directly in the network, who experience the reality on the ground on a daily basis.

Minimal decency and rigor would require from the government to take the trouble to choose a person from our network and above all, who has no direct or indirect ties with Minister Barrette. The damage of the reform led by him, and his team have done enough damage. Why ask them again?

The very fact that former Minister Barrette took advantage of the announcement of this appointment to congratulate himself on his reform demonstrates how disconnected he is from the devastation and suffering he has caused. We implore the CAQ government to not repeat the same mistake he did.

Reach out to the experts and managers of the network, to those who manage it daily. We will all, then, come out stronger.

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