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Investments in the Douglas Institute

All funds earmarked for buildings made of concrete, none for personnel

Montréal, January 28, 2020 – While the investments announced by the MSSS for the Douglas Mental Health University Institute were favorably received by Danielle McCann, [the APTS Montréal West Island](#) decried the fact that no investments have yet been announced to ensure the safety and security – both physical and psychological – of the professionals and technicians working there under deplorable conditions.

“It’s of course necessary to renovate the dilapidated facilities, but we’ve never seen a wall provide health care and social services. Minister McCann made a public commitment ‘to take better care of those who are working day in day out in our institutions, particularly by setting up conditions that enhance their well-being.’ It’s high time for her to walk the talk and take action,” declared Josée Asselin, the APTS provincial representative for Montréal West Island.

The situation is critical. The amounts paid out in disability insurance and absences due to illness have exploded. Moreover, eight professional orders have sounded the alarm about the working conditions of their members in the health and social services sector. The APTS represents these same employees as a union.

“The government has the resources to improve working conditions in health and social services, and Ms. McCann must see to it that the necessary investments are made to ensure the safety and security of personnel. Our members’ message couldn’t be clearer: we’re done working ourselves sick!” concluded Josée Asselin.

The APTS

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