

The community movement in Health and Social Services can unite to win the battle against the Quebec government's plans to co-opt and sub-contract the services of community organizations.

We believe that effects of the Re-engineering of the Quebec state, and law 25 in particular, will transform Autonomous Community Organizations (ACOs) into Governmentally Modified Organizations (GMOs).

PROOF THAT THE GOVERNMENT WANTS TO MODIFY US BY SUB-CONTRACTING OUR SERVICES:

- From an open letter dated October 2003 from Prime Minister Jean Charest: "...delegate to others, to municipal, to community organizations or to private businesses, that which they could do better or for a lesser price..."
- Minister Phillipe Coulliard, in the Social Affairs Commission, July 8, 2003, said: "We expect that community organizations...will try to have coherence or will want to be coherent with governmental priorities...because that is where the biggest needs will be."
- From the Government document entitled *Briller parmi les meilleurs*: "It is essential that the budgets of community organizations are re-enforced and reliable and that their actions are compatible with governmental priorities."

IMPACTS OF GOVERNMENTAL SUB-CONTRACTING ON COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVING FUNDING THROUGH SERVICE CONTRACTS:

- Your community organization will have to sign a **formal service agreement** with an establishment of the public network ("instance locale" created by Law 25).
- Under a service agreement, the government will require your organization to **produce its financial records for inspection**.
- Your organization will experience financial insecurity at the end of each service agreement. Service agreements generally last for once year, at which time their renewal is subject to the goodwill of the funder.
- People who use the services of community organizations that are financed by service agreements may develop a "consumer" mentality.
- A loss of autonomy. Your board of directors will lose power over the orientations, management, practices and priorities of the organization (the "instance public" will exert more and more power over your organization).
- A focus on mobilization activities may be diminished or abolished.
- Your community organization will find itself competing with other community groups to "win" the service contract bid.
- Volunteers and activists have a strong tendency not to get involved in community groups that are financed by service agreements

GET INFORMED AND SEE FOR YOURSELF!

- There is already a lot of sub-contracting in the health and social services network and many community organizations that are financed entirely by service agreements (particularly in employability). **We invite you to inform yourself directly about the numerous services presently financed by service agreements. Compare your situation to theirs and you will see the difference!**

GET INVOLVED TO WIN THE FIGHT AGAINST RE-ENGINEERING & SUB-CONTRACTING OF COMMUNITY GROUPS BY THE GOVERNMENT:

- By showing your opposition to being "modified" by government service agreements.
- By mobilizing & educating people in your organization. Our force lies in the number of people involved in the community movement. Together we can oppose this trend.
- By participating in the different coalitions of community groups and unions that are organizing around the government's plans to Re-engineer the state.
- By participating in demonstrations and actions occurring across the province.
- For more information consult the following websites:

Coalition "J'ai jamais voté pour ça": <http://www.jaijamaisvotepourca.com/>

Coalition "le Réseau de vigilance": <http://www.vigilance.cam.org/>

Coalition Solidarité Santé: <http://www.solidaritesante.qc.ca/francais/>