

Hubert Dupuis satisfied with his meeting with Blaine Higgs (Translated using Google Translate)

Description

Equality Health in French believes that it can count on the support of the Leader of the Official Opposition in his fight against the intrusion of the private sector into the health system.

The Francophone rights group met with Blaine Higgs on Wednesday in Fredericton.

The group's president, Dr Hubert Dupuis, came out satisfied with the meeting.

"He made it clear to us that he was against the privatization of the management system of non-clinical services or extra-mural hospital," said Dr. Dupuis.

Equality in French is opposed to the decision of the government of Brian Gallant to entrust to the international giant Sodexo the management of the services of housekeeping, feeding and transport of the patients in the hospitals in order to save money.

The group also opposes the government's proposal to grant the administration of the extra-mural program and the Tele-Care line to Medavie Blue Cross, which already operates NB Ambulance.

Equality Health hopes to put an end to the government's plans by convincing a judge that privatization runs counter to the right of Francophones to manage their health.

The francophone health authority, the Vitalité network, is also opposed to the government's intentions.

Hubert Dupuis says he has been listened to by Blaine Higgs during the presentation of the organization's claims.

The doctor from the Dieppe area was also reassured by Mr. Higgs about a proposal made by the former Minister of Finance in 2015.

"At one point, it looked like he was in favor of a single bilingual board. He reassured us and told us that he believed in both rules. "

The Leader of the Official Opposition confirmed in a telephone interview after the meeting that he was not seeking to create a single bilingual health network.

"No, that's not what I'm looking for. I am looking for a system that will provide the best possible care in the province with both linguistic groups, "he said.

Blaine Higgs believes that the province can do healthier without making more room for the private.

"I think it's possible to improve our performance with the people who are in the system.

Regarding the legal proceedings filed by Égalité santé in French, the leader of the Progressive Conservative Party adopted a rather conciliatory tone.

"I would like to think it is not necessary, but if they are not able to have these discussions with the government, they have to do what they feel is necessary."



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