

## **Congratulations to Joanne Castonguay on her appointment as Health and Welfare Commissioner**

**Montréal, December 19, 2019** - Anie Perrault, Chair of the Board of Génome Québec and Daniel Coderre, President and CEO, would like to commend Joanne Castonguay for her appointment to the position of Health and Welfare Commissioner.



Joanne Castonguay, an economist and expert in the health-care system, is an Associate Professor at Pôle santé HEC Montréal. Recognized for her knowledge and expertise in health systems policies, innovation policies, health system governance and major project governance systems, Joanne has also been a member of the Génome Québec Board of Directors since 2019.

She previously led research with the Institute for Research on Public Policy (IRPP) and, prior to that, with the Center for Interuniversity Research and Analysis of Organizations (CIRANO). Over the past decade, she has influenced the development of Québec bills through her publications, including a series on governance of major public infrastructure projects and a comparative analysis of hospital funding mechanisms.

“The Génome Québec Board is extremely proud that one of its members has been appointed to this important role in the government administration,” said Anie Perrault, Chair of the Board.

“Joanne has a wealth of knowledge and an exceptional track record in Québec’s health sector and has all the experience required to tackle this major challenge,” added Daniel Coderre, President and CEO of Génome Québec.

The Health and Welfare Commissioner is an independent observer of the quality, accessibility and funding of services. The Commissioner can make recommendations to the government on improving the performance of the healthcare system.

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