

MEDIA RELEASE

North East LHIN and Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Advance Primary Care Services for Timmins Area Francophones

March 15, 2017 – The North East Local Health Integration Network (NE LHIN) and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (the “ministry”) are pleased to support the work of the newly established Timmins Francophone Primary Care Collaborative Committee in Timmins.

Chaired by NE LHIN Board of Directors member, Denis Bérubé, membership on the committee includes a range of community Francophone leaders from the Timmins area.

The ministry is providing planning grant funding in the amount of \$100,000 to support the committee’s work over the next year. The committee’s first task will be to develop a business case that outlines the operational and capital requirements, as well as governance structure, for a potential Francophone Community Health Centre. This is one of the recommendations outlined in a LHIN-commissioned 2016 report, « [Examen des services de soins primaires destinés aux francophones de Timmins](#) ».

The funding will provide the Collaborative Committee access to resources required to support the development of the business case which will be submitted to the ministry by January 2018.

FACTS:

- In September 2016, the NE LHIN Board requested a Collaborative Committee be established to review a LHIN-commissioned report’s recommendations in detail. The Board further requested that an action plan be developed that focuses on improving access to primary care for area Francophones.
- The Collaborative Committee will be in place for a 12 to 18 month term. Members include:
 - Denis Bérubé (Chair), Member of NE LHIN Board of Directors
 - Valérie Demers-Romaniuk, Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est de l’Ontario
 - Arianne Flamain, Social Worker
 - Mike Gauthier, Timmins Pharmacy
 - Johanne Labonté, Health Force Ontario Marketing and Recruitment Agency
 - Céline Lamb, Nurse Practitioner
 - Gaetan Malette, Hospital Board Director
 - Jean-Pierre Nadon, Collège Boréal
 - Chantal Riopel, Porcupine Health Unit
 - Merv Russell, Retired Chiropractor
 - Francine Toulgoat, North East Community Care Access Centre
 - Pierre Bélanger, l’Alliance de la francophonie de Timmins

- Ex-officio members include:
 - Monique Lapalme, French Language Services Coordinator, NE LHIN
 - Christine Leclair, Senior Officer – Cochrane Sub-region, NE LHIN
 - Monique Rocheleau, Réseau du mieux-être francophone du Nord de l'Ontario
 - Sylvie Sylvestre, Réseau du mieux-être francophone du Nord de l'Ontario

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