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Entity Board of Directors continues its planning and community engagement work

[September 23, 2024] The fourteenth Annual General Meeting of the “Entité de planification des services de santé en français Érié St. Clair/Sud-Ouest” was held on September 17th, 2024, by videoconference before representatives of the community. This was an opportunity for Entité 1 to review the 2023-2024 financial year.

The Chair, Paul Lachance, presented an overview of the activities to which the Board of Directors is committed. Among other things, the Board focused on good governance. Collaboration between Entité 1 and Entité 2 has continued to evolve, thus allowing the strengthening and focus on our common priorities affecting the francophone population in the Ontario Health West Region. In 2023-2024, the Board focused on engaging community partners and organisations with a focus on active offer of French-language health services. This also led to the launching of phase two of an awareness tour on active offer, use and demand of services in French. Entité 1 wishes to thank Ontario Health West and Group Desjardins for their direct involvement in this tour.

Executive Director Paul Levac and Planning Officers Ayah Karra-Aly and Franck Tshunza presented selected achievements of Entité 1 pertaining to its action plan and work plan. The team also reported on the progress made in terms of planning French language services, communication, and community engagement mechanisms. More information on these achievements can be found in the annual report.

The Board of Directors elected Didier Marotte, Joseph Bisnaire, Yves Mainville, Tanya Tamilio, Gerardo Castro and Dr Flory Tsobo Muanda. They join Paul Lachance and Marie Dorval who are serving the 2nd year of their respective terms. Two individual position remains vacant. The new Board of Directors will launch a process shortly to fill this position.

Following the AGM, the new Board met to elect its new executive. Paul Lachance was re-elected President, Joseph Bisnaire was re-elected as Vice-President, Marie Dorval was re-elected Secretary and Didier Marotte was re-elected Treasurer.

"I would like to thank my colleagues on the Board of Directors for their confidence in me and their continued support..." indicated President-elect Paul Lachance. I wish to conclude that "Entité 1 is well positioned to continue its mandate of planning and community engagement and its work in support of the development of French-language health services by health service providers to better meet the needs of Francophones in the Erie St. Clair and Southwest regions, which are now part of the Health Ontario West region, and continue to advise Health Ontario and Ontario Health West in its' planning as the Entity's mandate comes up for renewal. L'Entité 1 also looks forward to engaging with Ontario Health and the Ministry of Health in the ongoing review of FLS planning locally, regionally and provincially" he concluded.

Entité 1 is a non-profit organization serving the Erie St. Clair/Southwest regions within Ontario Health West. Entité 1 is attentive to the needs of Francophone communities and provides recommendations and offers advice and strategies to improve access to quality French language health services.

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