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Centres d'Accueil Héritage receives recurring annual funding to operate an Adult Day Program in French in Oshawa

November 27, 2013 – Centres d'Accueil Héritage (CAH) and Entité 4 are proud to announce that CAH's project *Adult Day Program for Francophones in Durham Region*, submitted through Central East Local Health Integration Network's recently issued call for proposals, has been selected and will be implemented thanks to financial support from the LHIN.

Centres d'Accueil Héritage has been working on this Adult Day Program project for many months. In collaboration with Entité 4, L'Amicale, ACFO Durham-Peterborough and Club Jeunesse d'hier, CAH held community engagement activities and assessed a number of seniors, which confirmed the considerable needs of Francophones within that region. Entité 4, whose mandate it is to make recommendations to the LHINs within its catchment area, has supported CAH throughout the planning process. Furthermore, Entité 4 recommended to Central East LHIN to provide financial support to the project submitted by CAH. The Adult Day Program, which includes case management, is a service delivery model perfectly adapted to the needs of the Durham community.

The new program, open two days per week, will be offered in French to frail seniors from Durham region who are experiencing physical and (or) cognitive difficulties. The program will include physical exercise as well as social and recreational activities overseen by professional facilitators in a warm and secure environment. A nutritious lunch and transportation will also be available. The goal of this Day Program is to help participants reach their maximum functional level and avoid premature institutionalization. As well, it also allows caregivers to enjoy a respite and benefit from the support of case managers.

In response to the pressure on our health system resulting from an aging population, the Government of Ontario decided to guide its initiatives towards strengthening community resources. With this in mind, the Central East LHIN invests in high-impact community programs to support individuals with complex and long-term medical, physical, social or cognitive needs. The development of this Day Program is perfectly aligned with the provincial and regional goal to help seniors stay healthy within their own community as long as possible. Furthermore, this program will ensure services are focused on the needs of francophone seniors, one of which is to receive services in French.

Quotes

« Centres d'Accueil Héritage is delighted to offer an Adult Day Program to seniors from Durham region. The Central East LHIN recognizes the importance of providing its francophone population with a quality Day Program which will allow them to remain at home within their own community, while offering respite to caregivers who often are seniors themselves. »

Isabelle Girard, Executive Director, Centres d'Accueil Héritage

« Entité 4 is very pleased that Central East LHIN has implemented its recommendation which will have direct impact on the lives of francophone seniors of Durham region. The development of this program is of particular importance because it stems from a need identified by the community itself and evidences the leadership shown by Central East LHIN in improving access to health services in French. »

Dominique Auger, Executive Director, Entité 4

CAH is a non-for-profit organization offering services to French-speaking adults throughout the GTA. Since 1978, it provides 135 affordable housing units (100 of which are subsidized) to seniors and individuals who live with HIV/Aids at Place Saint-Laurent. CAH also offers a range of community support services, such as two Adult Day Programs, an Elderly Persons' Centre, case management, home help, supportive housing for seniors and people living with HIV/Aids, congregating dining, as well as transportation and accompaniment.

Entité 4's mandate is to make recommendations to the Central, Central East and North Simcoe Muskoka LHINs to improve access to quality health services in French for francophone communities within its catchment area.

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