

Third Ontario Francophone Health Forum: Provincial Coordination of Francophone Partners

Toronto, March 12th, 2015 – Over 60 key healthcare in French stakeholders took part in the Third annual *Forum de la santé en français* held by the *Alliance des Réseaux ontariens de santé en français* (Health Networks) and the *Regroupement des Entités de planification des services de santé en français de l'Ontario* (Planning Entities).

On March 11th, representatives of Francophone organizations from across the province gathered in Toronto at the invitation of the Networks and Entities to discuss health priorities for action, as well as strategies they could support to ensure the progression of French-language health services in Ontario.

“Through collaboration, Networks, Entities and Francophone partners have produced tangible results this year. We have reached a common understanding of active offer in all its dimensions, which has led to the *Joint Position Statement on the Active Offer of French-language Health services in Ontario*,” notes **Jacinthe Desaulniers**, a founding member of the *Regroupement des Entités*. She adds: “Forum participants have recognized the value of a systemic and collaborative approach in Ontario. The Networks and Entities will continue to promote collaboration among partners in the planning and implementation of the active offer of health services to the Francophone population.”

For *Alliance des Réseaux* President **Fabien Hébert**, community partners must be involved in the identification of health priorities: “Over the last year, we have worked closely with the *Assemblée de la Francophonie de l'Ontario* on the publication of the *The White Paper on French-language Health Care in Ontario*. The Forum was an occasion to follow up on the *White Paper's* recommendations. We discussed potential priority measures for Planning Entities, Health Networks, health stakeholders, and community organizations. Primary care and data collection on Francophone health will be priorities.”

According to Peter Hominuk, Executive Director of l'*Assemblée de la Francophonie de l'Ontario*, the Forum is an excellent platform for collaboration of Francophone partners in matters of healthcare: “When it comes to healthcare in French, Networks and Entities act as a catalyst. They have invited representatives from various sectors, such as education and municipal government. As they have expressed it throughout the event, these participants wish to expand the circle in order to tackle shared health issues. They have reaffirmed their need for province-wide collaboration on health issues – a message which was well received by Networks and Entities.”

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As the Forum came to a close, Networks and Entities have renewed their commitment to facilitate consultation and cooperation between Francophone health-care partners from all sectors.

Ontario's French Language Health Networks and French Language Health Planning Entities work to improve the health of Ontario's Francophone communities. Although their spheres of action, accountabilities and funding are different, the Networks and the Entities work together on provincial issues of common interest.

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[Joint Position Statement on the Active Offer of French Language Health Services in Ontario](#)
www.rssfef.on.ca

[White Paper on French Language Health Care in Ontario](#)
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