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ENTITÉ 4'S MANDATE IS RENEWED

AURORA, ON. December 11, 2015 – Following an order issued on December 5, 2015 by Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long Term Care, Entité 4's mandate has been officially renewed.

« The renewal of our mandate is an acknowledgement of Entité 4's work over the last five years, and we look forward to continuing our efforts for the improvement of access to health services in French for our francophone communities. » - Yves Lévesque, Entité 4 Board Chair

Entité 4 is pleased by this announcement which will allow it to pursue projects and initiatives designed to improve access to quality health care services in French within its catchment area.

« We are very pleased with this announcement and would like to thank our francophone communities as well as francophone community organizations for their trust and support of our initiatives. We will now be able to continue to integrate the Francophone perspective in planning for French language health services, and ensure the sustainability of existing services in the future. - Estelle Duchon, Entité 4 Executive Director

Entité 4's mandate is to make recommendations to the Central, Central East and North Simcoe Muskoka local health integration networks (LHINs) to improve access to quality health services in French for the francophone community in these areas.

“The North Simcoe Muskoka LHIN looks forward to continuing to work closely with Entité 4 to improve access to local health services for our Francophone residents. We have worked together to deliver mental health and first aid training for Francophones, provide ‘Language in Patient Centred Care’ training for our health service providers, and develop tools to increase awareness about French language health services in North Simcoe Muskoka.” – Jill Tettmann, CEO, North Simcoe Muskoka LHIN

“On behalf of the Central East LHIN, I would like to congratulate Entité 4 on the renewal of their mandate. With the support of the Entité, the LHIN has been working to improve health care access for Francophones in our Health Links communities with many innovative programs now being available. Together the LHIN and the Entité will ensure that services continue to be culturally and linguistically adapted as they are planned and delivered.” - Deborah Hammons, CEO, Central East LHIN

“Central LHIN welcomes the news of Entité 4’s mandate renewal. We greatly value Entité 4’s expertise and understanding of the health needs within our Francophone communities. Together, we have developed a French language services model for improving access to the health care system and are raising awareness about available French language services through online resources. We look forward to continuing our valuable partnership with Entité 4.” – Kim Baker, CEO, Central LHIN

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Entité 4’s mandate is to make recommendations to the Central, Central East and North Simcoe Muskoka LHINs on:

- *methods of engaging the francophone community in these areas;*
- *health needs and priorities of the francophone community in these areas, including the needs and priorities of diverse groups within that community;*
- *health services available to the francophone community in these areas;*
- *identification and designation of health service providers for the provision of French language health services in these areas;*
- *strategies to improve access to and integration of French language health services in the local health system; and*
- *planning and integration of health services in these areas.*