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### CELEBRATING HEALTH SERVICES IN FRENCH

Aurora, Ontario (September 30, 2014) – On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, Entité 4 held its fourth general meeting in Barrie to recap the 2013-2014 fiscal year, present the joint action plan developed in collaboration with the three Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) and celebrate the achievement of tangible results for the francophone community.

Entité 4 would like to thank its partners, members of the community and special guests that contributed to the success of this event by highlighting Entité 4's work and speaking of the importance of access to health services in French. Guest speakers included, **Mr. François Boileau**, French Language Services Commissioner of Ontario, **Ms. Treasa Labaj**, Director of Communications and Community Engagement at the North Simcoe Muskoka LHIN and **Ms. Deborah Hammons**, CEO at the Central East LHIN.



The recipients

To recognize the efforts of our partners, Entité 4 presented awards of recognition to those who contributed in a meaningful way to the improvement of access to health services in French in our regions. Entité 4 congratulated **Ernest Vaillancourt** for his commitment and dedication to the exceptional vitality of the Francophone community in Ontario, **TAIBU Community Health Centre** for its support in the creation of the *Coalition pour des communautés francophones en santé de Scarborough* and **Centres d'Accueil Héritage** for its works in the implementation of the *adult day program for Francophones in Durham*.

During the course of the evening, **Réjean Sirois** and **Annick Brown** were re-elected and **Jules Nkamtchou** was welcomed for a first term.

To close the evening, Entité 4 presented a preview of a new workshop to build awareness of the francophone patient experience among health services providers and the community.

*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 the francophone community in these areas.*

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