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**ENTITÉ 4'S FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: THANKING PARTNERS AND THE COMMUNITY**

AURORA, ON, June 10, 2015. – Entité 4 held its fifth Annual General Meeting at TAIBU Community Health Centre in Scarborough to take stock of fiscal year 2014-2015, to present the Joint Action Plan with its three Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs), and to thank the partners which contributed to the progress made over the year.

Mr. Denis Vaillancourt, Chairman of the Board of l'Assemblée de la francophonie de l'Ontario, was the keynote speaker and presented the White Paper on French Language in Health Care in Ontario. Representatives from Executive Management and some board members of all three partner LHINs (North Simcoe Muskoka, Central-East and Central) were present and addressed the audience. Mr. François Boileau, French Language Services Commissioner for Ontario, made the closing remarks.



*Recognition Award for CMHA - Durham presented by Denis Vaillancourt on behalf of Board members Jules Nkamtchou and Manon Lemonde members.*

To thank community partners for their support with engaging Francophones, Entité 4 presented a recognition award to five organizations: **l'ACFO Durham-Peterborough, Conseil de district catholique Centre-Sud, Conseil scolaire Viamonde, l'Association des francophones de la région de York** and **La Clé d'la Baie en Huronie**. An award was also presented to **CMHA – Durham Region** for their contribution to the development of French-language health services.

In addition to recognizing progress made in 2014-2015, the Annual General Meeting was an excellent opportunity to present future initiatives and objectives for 2015-2016.

*“We hope this will be a year of action where we focus on the road ahead, ensure viability of our successes, and start new initiatives with our partner LHINs, health*

*service providers, community organizations and, of course, the Francophone community.” – Estelle Duchon, Executive Director*

Two new members were added to the Board: Mrs. Nina Lavoie and Mrs. Marie-France Heikens, both representing the North Simcoe Muskoka LHIN catchment area. Following the Annual General Meeting, Mrs. Manon Lemonde relinquished her position as Board Chair to Mr. Yves Lévesque. She remains on the Board as Vice-Chair for the remainder of her tenure.

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*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.*

## Quotes

*“I would like to thank the Entité for the work they do and their unwavering focus on person-centered care. [...]As we move forward with the Joint Action Plan for 2015/16, I look forward to our continued collaborative approach to find ways to meet the health system needs of Francophones in North Simcoe Muskoka.” – Jill Tettman, Chief Executive Officer at the North Simcoe Muskoka LHIN.*

*“With the support of our partners in Entité 4, the LHIN is able to consistently and effectively engage with francophone residents, in order to be more aware of their concerns, respond to their needs and provide them with better care and better value at the right place and at the right time.” – Deborah Hammons, Chief Executive Officer at the Central East LHIN.*

*“The Central LHIN system is rich because of our diversity and our many cultures. Our Francophone population – both historically and in our communities today – has made lasting contributions within our country and our province. The outstanding contributions of Entité 4 help us to appreciate and respect diversity, while providing equal access to vital health care programs and services.” – Kim Baker, Chief Executive Officer at the Central LHIN.*

*“Yves Lévesque has the Board’s entire confidence, and we know he will rise to the challenges ahead”. Manon Lemonde, Entité 4 Vice-Chair.*

*“Mrs. Lemonde’s contribution as Board Chair led to the excellent reputation Entité 4 enjoys. I am proud to fill her post and happy that she agreed to stay on as Vice-Chair. We will continue to build on progress made so far to improve French-language health services in our territory.” – Yves Lévesque, Entité 4 Chairman.*

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