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IMPROVING ACCESS TO HIGH-QUALITY PRIMARY CARE AND HEALTH PROMOTION SERVICES FOR FRANCOPHONES *TAIBU Community Health Centre Achieves Designation for French Language Services*

Toronto, ON, January 14, 2021 – Over the last year, Entité 4 has collaborated closely with TAIBU Community Health Centre (CHC), the Ministry of Francophone Affairs, the Ministry of Health, the Central East LHIN and Ontario Health (East) to support the partial designation of TAIBU CHC for French language primary care and health promotion services.

“Since our creation, TAIBU CHC has been working to improve the health of racialized and marginalized communities, including those that speak French,” says Liben Gebremikael, Executive Director at TAIBU CHC. “This is a significant achievement for us and is a direct result of more than six years of collaboration with the Central East LHIN, the Coalition for Healthy Francophone Communities in Scarborough and Entité 4 to ensure Francophone communities have access to culturally and linguistically appropriate services in Scarborough.”

“Designation is a recognition, by the Ontario government, of an organization’s commitment to the Francophone community they serve,” says Yves Lévesque, Board Chair at Entité 4. “It is a promise to build and maintain high-quality French Language Services. We congratulate the team at TAIBU CHC for their dedication to enhancing patient outcomes for Francophones by reducing language barriers.”

“TAIBU CHC is the first health service provider to obtain a partial designation within the Central East LHIN,” continues M. Lévesque. “With partners such as TAIBU CHC, we look forward to continuing to build access to high-quality, patient-centred care for our community.”

With a mandate to improve access to French Language Health Services, Entité 4 provides guidance and support to health service providers throughout the designation process.

TAIBU Community Health Centre provides primary health care and related services for Black populations across the Greater Toronto Area as its priority population and residents of our local community of Malvern. Recognizing that systemic oppression has fostered conditions of ill-health with Black communities, we strive to deliver these services through intersectional, equity based and culturally affirming practices which promote holistic wellness, health education, and prevention.

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