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PLACING FRANCOPHONE PATIENTS AT THE CENTRE OF THEIR CARE

Entité 4 launching a project to build tools to support the meaningful engagement of Francophone patients and their caregivers

AURORA, ON, February 1, 2021 – This week Entité 4 is launching a project to enable the meaningful engagement of Francophone patients, families and caregivers as advisors to Ontario Health Teams. The project aims to develop resources to assist our health system partners and will also create tools to connect, empower and support Francophone patients, caregivers and volunteers taking on patient advisory roles.

“There is a recognition within the healthcare system of the important perspective patients provide in the delivery of care, however, patients and their caregivers that take on advisory roles may feel isolated. This is even more true for Francophones,” says Board Chair Yves Lévesque. “This is why our project will also focus on building supports and tools to empower Francophone patients and their caregivers.”

“By understanding the challenges faced by health service providers in engaging with the Francophone communities they serve, we can develop resources and guidance to help them overcome these barriers,” adds Interim Executive Director Lisa Gotell.

Each individual Ontario Health Team will approach the task of planning for more coordinated care differently, but they will all seek the involvement of community members to best meet local needs. The goal is to strengthen connections between local providers to deliver more coordinated and patient-centred care.

Members of the Francophone community interested in helping to shape their local health care services are invited to contact Entité 4 at info@entite4.ca. Entité 4 may be looking for your engagement to make this project a success.

With a mandate to improve access to French Language Health Services, Entité 4 provides guidance and support to health service providers to increase their capacity to provide French language services and help promote existing services. Entité 4 facilitates community engagement and provides innovative advice on planning, organizing and integrating French Language health Services.

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