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Press release

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A Francophone Community Health Centre for Timmins

Timmins, June 28, 2018 – It is with great pleasure that the *Réseau du mieux-être francophone du Nord de l'Ontario (Réseau)* and the Francophone community of Timmins announce that the work for the creation of the Francophone Community Health Centre in Timmins, has begun.



In May 2018, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care announced \$2.1 M in funding for the creation of a Francophone Community Health Centre in Timmins. In order to move forward with the creation of the Centre, a Francophone governance model will need to be established. We are pleased to announce that the following individuals have been named to the nomination committee, which will be responsible for the development of a recruitment strategy to identify

and select the Timmins Community Centre's interim Board of Directors:

- Janick Nadeau, Community Member
- Lorraine Cantin, Community Member and Founding Member of Science Village Timmins
- Louise Taillefer, Coordinator Timmins Campus, Université de Hearst
- Luc Murray, Co-Owner, OK Tire
- Mélanie Dufresne, Lead - Post Secondary Programmes, Collège Boréal
- Natalie Carle, Director of Organizational Performance and Mental Health Services, Timmins and District Hospital
- Sylvain Lacroix, Executive Director, Alliance de la francophonie de Timmins

We would also like to thank the members of the Collaborative Committee who for several months, worked arduously towards the completion of the report entitled "*Planification et mise en oeuvre d'un modèle novateur de centre de santé communautaire francophone pour la communauté de Timmins*". This report will serve as a blueprint for the development of the operations, capital and governance structures of the new Francophone Community Health Centre.

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Diane Quintas, Executive Director of the Réseau, stated that “ *The Francophone community of Timmins has been requesting access to Primary Care services in French for several years now. The funding announcement for a Francophone Community Health centre will give Francophone families greater options when it comes to accessing health care services in French. We are very pleased to be able to continue working with the members of the Francophone community in the development of this new centre.* ”

For more information regarding the “*Planification et mise en oeuvre d’un modèle novateur de centre de santé communautaire francophone pour la communauté de Timmins*” report, please visit our website at www.rmefno.ca

The Réseau, in collaboration with its partners, plans, networks and engages with communities to improve access and equity to French language health services.

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