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THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT RENEWS THE RÉSEAU'S MANDATE

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Ottawa, December 8, 2015 – The Réseau's mandate as French language health planning entity for Eastern and South-Eastern Ontario has been renewed by the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care of Ontario.

This announcement follows a provincial assessment of the collaborative model between the province's regional health authorities (the LHINs) and French language health planning entities.

“Over the last five years, the Réseau has developed a genuine expertise when it comes to planning access to French language health services,” explains Line Chenard, Chair of the Réseau. “The provincial government recognizes that this model is effective, and that our collaborative relationship with the Champlain and South East LHINs is generating positive outcomes in terms of health services offered in French to the Francophone population.”

Réseau Executive Director Jacinthe Desaulniers adds: “The collaborative ties that we have established with our community and with the health-care community have helped us make important advances when it comes to French language health services. Among other things, the health agencies that we support have made significant progress as they work through their applications for designation as official providers of French language health services. I would also like to highlight the foundational work accomplished at the planning stages of regional and provincial health initiatives, as well as the progress of our data collection project regarding the Francophone clientele of local hospitals.”

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The announcement ensures the continuity of the Réseau's role as advisor to the Champlain and South East LHINs and to the healthcare system, and allows resources for the work.

"The renewal of our mandate will enable us to pursue our work towards a continuum of care in French for the Francophone population," adds Ms Desaulniers.

The news of the renewed mandate is timely for the Réseau Board of Directors and members, with a strategic planning exercise presently underway. The Réseau's 2016-2021 Strategic Plan will be presented at the Annual General Meeting, in May 2016.

The Réseau is a Francophone organization that engages with the healthcare community and the Francophone community in all its diversity to improve the offer and the quality of French language health services in Eastern and South-Eastern Ontario.

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