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Paul Young, first Étoile Santé

WELLINGTON, PEI, January 28, 2015 – The PEI French Health Network (PEIFHN) announced its new Étoile Santé campaign last December, whose purpose is to promote, recruit and make people aware of health professionals who offer French-language health services in Prince Edward Island. The PEIFHN is pleased to announce its first Étoile Santé, Paul Young.

Paul Young, Administrator for Community Hospitals West, which includes the Western Hospital in Alberton and the Community Hospital in O’Leary, was recently nominated by his administrative assistant, Vickie Gaudet: “I often hear him speak French to clients on the phone, and judging by the tone of his voice, I know that he is attentive to their needs, and I appreciate that. That’s why I decided to nominate him as soon as I saw the publicity for the campaign.”

Paul Young lives in Summerside with his wife, Erika, who teaches French immersion, and their two daughters. The two establishments that he manages are situated in West Prince, a largely Acadian region. “Living in both French and English is part of my life. At home, both languages are valued, and at work, I have this same openness towards languages. Some patients need to be spoken to in French in order to feel at ease, and I’m happy to do that.”

A native of New Brunswick, Paul first completed a Bachelor of Science at the University of Prince Edward Island in 2002. In 2005, he graduated with an advanced diploma in MRI Technology and Spectroscopy at Red River College and the National Institute for Biomedical Diagnostics in Winnipeg. He then moved to Ottawa to begin his career in health care. After just a few years, he became an instructor at the Ottawa Hospital. When he moved back to Prince Edward Island in 2008 with the intention of settling here with his family, he had already worked in 10 public and private establishments in 4 provinces, and had become one of the most respected technologists in his field. In 2012, he completed a Master of Business Administration, allowing him to advance to administrative positions.

Finding French-language health professionals and accessing the services they offer remains a challenge in increasing French-language health services here in Prince Edward Island. It is crucial to make French-language professionals more accessible and visible in the community. It’s the raison d’être of the Étoile Santé campaign.

People are encouraged to nominate health professionals who actively offer French-language health services in Prince Edward Island. For more information on the campaign or to nominate someone directly on the PEIFHN’s Web site, go to www.santeipe.ca.

The PEI French Health Network is a non-profit organization that collaborates with various partners in order to improve access to quality French-language health services and programs for Prince Edward Island’s Acadian and Francophone population. The

organization brings together representatives from target community groups, educational facilities, health professionals, health service managers and the provincial government. It is also one of 16 networks that make up the Société Santé en français.

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Photo: Paul Young, Administrator for Community Hospitals West, was named Étoile Santé by his colleague Vickie Gaudet.

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