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Public health nurse Lyanne Bernard is passionate about her work

WELLINGTON, PEI, July 8, 2017 – The purpose of the PEI French Health Network’s Étoile Santé campaign is to promote, recruit and make people aware of health professionals who offer French-language services on Prince Edward Island. The Health Network is pleased to announce that the Étoile Santé for June 2017 is public health nurse Lyanne Bernard.

As a public health nurse, Lyanne's position is an essential one when it comes to French healthcare services in the Evangeline area. “I always wanted to be a nurse. I used to admire the nurse who came to visit my grandfather, Raphaël, who lived with us. I would watch her and be captivated by her work.”

When she completed her nursing studies at the University of Prince Edward Island in 2005, Lyanne found a job right away at the Prince County Hospital. In order to take her career in the direction she wanted, public health, she and her husband moved to be closer to employment opportunities. “My goal was to work in public health. When the public health nurse position became available at the Evangeline Health Centre, I applied and got the job. It’s like a dream come true. I really love my job!” admitted Lyanne Bernard.

A public health nurse’s duties are multiple and varied, and they aim to promote, protect and preserve individual, family and community health. Lyanne Bernard’s territory includes Miscouche and the Evangeline area, and extends to Tyne Valley. Her relationship with her clients begins at birth. “When babies are born in my service area, they get referred to me. I visit families at home to evaluate the baby, mother and family. I’m there to answer any questions parents may have and to support them.”

At the health centres in Wellington and Tyne Valley, Lyanne Bernard offers health clinics targeting preschool children aged 2, 4, 6, 12 and 18 months; she also offers another clinic for 4-year olds. Generally, her duties involve prevention, immunization and education, both in French and in English. “I have to say that it gives me great pleasure to work in French in my community. It’s important to receive services in our own language,” explained Lyanne Bernard.

Friendly and cheerful, Lyanne Bernard maintains a relationship of trust with her clients, which develops over the years.

Lyanne Bernard’s contact information can be found in the bilingual service provider directory at www.santeipe.ca/repertoire. Anyone can nominate health professionals who actively offer French

language health services in Prince Edward Island for a chance to win \$500. For more information on the Étoile Santé 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. The PEI French Health Network is funded by Health Canada within the framework of the Roadmap for Canada's Official Languages 2013–2018: Education, Immigration, Communities.

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