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PEIFHN signs partnership agreements with three professional health bodies to increase offer of French language health services

WELLINGTON, PEI – October 29, 2013 – To assist Prince Edward Island’s Francophone population in finding French language health care providers to address their needs, the PEI French Health Network (PEIFHN) recently signed partnership agreements with three professional health bodies - the PEI College of Physiotherapists, the PEI Chiropractic Association and the PEI Association of Naturopathic Doctors - showing their commitment to providing quality health care services to French speaking Islanders.

Through these agreements, each professional body agrees to contact its members every year to determine their ability to provide services in French and to forward to the PEIFHN a list of people who can provide French services and who want their name included in the directory.

Élise Arsenault, Executive Director of the PEIFHN, explains that it’s an excellent initiative allowing to increase the offer of French language health services. “We are very pleased with these new partnerships that will certainly improve access to French services for the Acadian and Francophone population of Prince Edward Island.”

The PEIFHN is presently in communication with other professional bodies in Prince Edward Island and expects to sign other agreements in the coming months. The complete Directory of Bilingual Service Providers for Health and Social Services in Prince Edward Island can be found on the PEIFHN website at 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 : D^r Chris McCarthy, registrar of the Prince Edward Island Chiropractic Association, and Élise Arsenault, Executive Director of the French Health Network, sign the partnership agreement between their respective organizations.

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