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Call for Applications from Francophone Seniors, Near Seniors, and Informal Caregivers

WELLINGTON, PEI, November 24, 2017 – The PEI French Health Network is pleased to be working with the Government of Prince Edward Island in the recruitment of participants to discuss the development of the new *Seniors Health and Wellness Strategy*, because it is important to seek the opinion of Francophones in this initiative. This strategy will ensure that seniors, near seniors, and caregivers are able to remain active and engaged, and lead independent, productive lives in good health.

To assist in developing this strategy, the province is seeking the views of seniors (65 years and older), near seniors (55–64 years), and informal caregivers of seniors who reside in PEI and identify as Francophone.

Specifically, the province is looking to gather information about the following:

1. What services or programs must be maintained for the health and well-being of seniors, near seniors, and caregivers?
2. What services or programs must be revised to meet the needs of seniors, near seniors, and caregivers?
3. What services or programs must be developed to improve the health and well-being of seniors, near seniors, and caregivers in the future?

Participants must be willing to attend a 1–2 hour group discussion with other seniors, near seniors, and/or caregivers relating to seniors' health and wellness. These discussions are tentatively scheduled for Dec. 1st and 2nd (location to be determined).

To obtain more information or to apply, contact Dr. Michael Corman (mkcorman@gov.pe.ca, 902-368-6698) or Dr. Suzanne Dupuis-Blanchard (suzanne.dupuis-blanchard@umoncton.ca, 506-858-4673). The application deadline is November 27, 2017.

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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