



Réseau Santé
en français Î.-P.-É.

Annual Report 2013-2014





Message from the Co-chairs

The PEI French Health Network had a very successful year in several respects. It has not only been a period of transition due to its incorporation but also of wonderful projects and collaborations.

In the past year, the Health Network signed a partnership agreement with three professional bodies in the field of health: the PEI College of Physiotherapists, the PEI Chiropractic Association and the PEI Association of Naturopathic Doctors. The agreements demonstrate their commitment to providing quality health care to French-speaking Islanders. We are very pleased with these new partnerships that will tangibly improve access to French services for the Acadian and Francophone population of Prince Edward Island. The Health Network has been in contact with other professional bodies and intends to sign more agreements in the future.

Always with the objective of increasing the bilingual workforce, the Health Network launched its *Santé Bonjour!* campaign during the past year to encourage workers who are able to provide services in French to get their name included in the online directory. In return, they receive a free shirt and pin with the *Bonjour!* logo to promote the active offer of services among their clients.

The Health Network is also committed to collaborating with the Centre de formation médicale du Nouveau-Brunswick (New Brunswick Medical Training Centre), appointing a representative to the medical student repatriation committee which supports the development of criteria to allow medical students to train on Prince Edward Island. The Health Network supports the Centre in the placement of trainees while developing relationships and partnerships that will encourage students to live on the Island at the end of their training.

In collaboration with the PEI Health Sector Council, the Health Network signed a partnership agreement allowing for the French translation of its 2014 Health Career Guide. This publication is now available in all Francophone and immersion schools on Prince Edward Island.

In conclusion, we want to thank the members of the Board of Directors as well as the staff of the Health Network who have been instrumental in helping us carry out these wonderful projects.

Johanne Irwin and Diane Arsenault
Co-chairs of the PEI French Health Network



Message from the Staff

The year 2013-2014 has been a transition period for the PEI French Health Network. After more than ten years of existence, the province's Francophone health network has become an officially incorporated body under the name Réseau Santé en français Î.-P.-É. During the past year, a significant amount of work has been carried out in close collaboration with the Société Santé en français (SSF) to prepare applications for submission to Health Canada and develop projects in view of the renewal of the Roadmap for Canada's Linguistic Duality.

A call for proposals was launched last December for health promotion projects aimed at building individual and collective capacities to support health and wellness in French, inviting interested Prince Edward Island groups and organizations to submit a proposal. Three projects were selected.

The SSF, the Health Network and Santé en français (Manitoba) recently revealed the results of the project entitled *Improving access to French-language health services for seniors in Manitoba and Prince Edward Island*. In Prince Edward Island, the project led directly to the opening of a 26 bed bilingual neighborhood in a long term care facility in Summerside. This project is the result of close collaboration among project partners, Health PEI and the Government of Prince Edward Island.

Further to recommendations provided by Atlantic Evaluation Group Inc. to improve home care services in French, we met with Dr. Richard Wedge, Executive Director of Health PEI, and with home care management to secure the organization's commitment to the recommendations. The Minister of Health, Doug Currie, and the Acadian and Francophone Affairs Secretariat were made aware of the report's results and recommendations.

Finally, we actively contributed to the community governance initiative lead by the *Réseau des développeurs* (developer network) and continue to participate in the implementation process.

We would like to express our appreciation to the Executive and Board of Directors for their confidence and for the time invested in moving our projects forward.

Élise Arsenault
Director

PEI French Health Network

Patricia Richard
Assistant Director



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 PEI French Health Network consists of members from five sectors

- Acadian and Francophone community of Prince Edward Island
- health professionals
- health service managers
- educational facilities
- policy makers

Our Vision

The Acadian and Francophone community of Prince Edward Island flourishes by benefiting from quality French-language health services and programs.

Our Values

- Base partnerships on a relationship of trust and mutual respect
- Select projects that are developed by consensus
- Be flexible when it comes to local realities
- Exercise our power of influence in an apolitical fashion
- Exercise visionary, unifying leadership

The PEI French Health Network is one of 16 networks that make up the Société Santé en français.

Members of the Board of Directors

Community members

- Johanne Irwin, Co-chair; health professionals' representative
- Marie Dionne-Sullivan, women's representative
- Josée Gallant-Gordon, health professionals' representative
- Father Eddie Cormier, seniors' representative
- Linda Richards, Treasurer; parents and early childhood representative
- Priscille Arsenault, community representative
- Gabriel Arsenault, Vice-chair; youth representative
- Colette Aucoin, Société éducative de l'Î.-P.-É.
- Aubrey Cormier, Société Saint-Thomas-d'Aquin

Government members

- Diane Arsenault, Co-chair; Acadian and Francophone Affairs Secretariat
- John Serkiz, Community Hospitals and Primary Health Care
- Tracy Chiasson-Lawlor, Social Programs and Seniors
- Béatrice Caillié, Acadian and Francophone Community Advisory Committee
- Gayle Lamont, Home Care and Long Term Care
- Cheryl Banks, Acute Care Hospitals
- Matt Bourque, Child and Youth Services
- Una Hassenstein, Secretary; Corporate Development and Innovation

Staff

- Élise Arsenault, Director of the PEI French Health Network
- Patricia Richard, Assistant Director of the PEI French Health Network

New corporate name

After more than 10 years of existence, the province's Francophone health network officially became, in 2013, an incorporated organization under the name "PEI French Health Network" (PEIFHN). The Board of Directors of the PEI French Health Network took advantage of the incorporation process to review its constitution and bylaws, change the organization's corporate name, and adopt a new logo.



Human resources

Signing of agreements

To assist Prince Edward Island's Francophone population in finding French-language health care providers to address their needs, the PEI French Health Network 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. The overall objective of the development of these partnerships is to increase the number of professionals who advertise their services in French.



Santé Bonjour! campaign

In order to increase access to French-language health services in Prince Edward Island, the PEI French Health Network launched a campaign to encourage workers who are able to provide services in French to get their name listed in the PEI French Health Network's online health service directory. They received a free shirt and pins with the *Bonjour!* logo, promoting the active offer of services among their clientele.



Development of interactive tools

The PEI French Health Network had developed a recruitment kit in 2007. The electronic version of the kit was recently updated; it can be found at www.santeipe.ca. This kit is particularly useful to health care or social services providers looking for work on the Island or bilingual health or social services students looking for an internship or work in the province of Prince Edward Island.

Promotional activities

In December, the PEI French Health Network invited groups from Prince Edward Island to submit a project intention in the areas of health and wellness. The purpose of the project had to be to improve access to quality French-language health programs and services for the Acadian and Francophone population of Prince Edward Island. The following projects were selected:

Personal and social development camps - Village des sources L'Étoile filante

Personal and social development camps welcomed four groups for a total of 71 participants from grades 4 to 8 from École Évangéline, École-sur-Mer, École La-Belle-Cloche and École Saint-Augustin. Participants had the opportunity to deal with personal issues and be instilled with values based on wellness for all in order to live a life of possibility, success, happiness and inclusion.

Personal and social
development camps

Winter activity for
special needs children

Winter activity for special needs children - Autism Society of PEI

Francophone special needs children were invited to experience downhill skiing free of charge at the Brookvale Provincial Ski Park throughout the winter, complete with specialized equipment. They could participate as much as they wanted to. Also, Francophone ski instructors were trained as program monitors to provide French services. Bilingual signage has now been installed in the park.

Sexual health for girls and young women - Actions femmes Î.-P.-É.

School workshops:

With the collaboration of several partners, a school workshop was offered in five of the six French schools to approximately 45 girls, ages 14 to 18. The workshops consisted of an information session and open discussion on several topics, including sexual health, diseases detected on the Island, resources and help centres in the province.

Community workshops:

Community workshops were held in Évangéline, West Prince, Rustico and Charlottetown. The content was similar to the school workshop and dealt with local issues and available resources. Exchanges between participants were very interesting. Over 50 women ages 24 to 75 attended the workshops.



Highlights of verified financial statements for period ending March 31, 2014

	Networking	Service organization support	HR+ National	Other projects	2014 Total	2013 Total
Revenue						
Health Canada	\$96,752	\$2,352	\$3,064	-	\$102,168	\$169,002
SAIC	-	-	-	\$1,145	\$1,145	\$3,500
RDV bursaries	-	-	-	-	-	\$5,850
	<u>\$96,752</u>	<u>\$2,352</u>	<u>\$3,064</u>	<u>\$1,145</u>	<u>\$103,313</u>	<u>\$178,352</u>
Expenditures						
Other expenses	\$903	-	-	-	\$903	\$1,285
Travel	\$5,466	-	-	\$1,145	\$6,611	\$25,709
Equipment	\$259	-	-	-	\$259	\$1,244
Professional fees	\$28,222	\$1,037	-	-	\$29,259	\$82,533
Rent and utilities	\$1,949	-	-	-	\$1,949	\$9,331
Office equipment	\$4,199	-	\$3,064	-	\$7,263	\$3,448
Wages	\$55,774	\$1,315	-	-	\$57,089	\$54,857
	<u>\$96,772</u>	<u>\$2,352</u>	<u>\$3,064</u>	<u>\$1,145</u>	<u>\$103,333</u>	<u>\$178,407</u>
Excess spending for the fiscal year	<u>\$(20)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$(20)</u>	<u>\$(55)</u>
Net assets, start of the fiscal year					\$2,621	\$2,676
Excess spending for the fiscal year					<u>\$(20)</u>	<u>\$(55)</u>
Net assets, end of the fiscal year					<u>\$2,601</u>	<u>\$2,621</u>



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