

**PEI French Language Health Services Network
Executive Committee Meeting
Centre Belle-Alliance, April 25, 2005, 1:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

Present: Sylvie Plourde Farrell, Co-Chair
Donald DesRoches, Co-Chair
Johanne Irwin, health care professional
Lizanne Thorne, Société Saint-Thomas-d'Aquin (observer)

Absent: Colette Aucoin, Educational and Training Sector
Susan MacKenzie, Health and Social Services

Employee: Julie G. Gilman, Network Coordinator

1. Welcome

Donald DesRoches, who chaired this meeting, welcomed the members of the Network executive committee.

2. Adoption of the agenda

Addition: 5.(e) Discussion of priorities for Julie as the sole employee.

3. Adoption of minutes

December 6, 2004 - adopted

December 20, 2004 - adopted

January 31, 2005 - amendment to "Present" section (Lizanne Thorne attended the meeting.)

4. Follow-up to the minutes

- a.** Donald DesRoches briefed members about the events since the Network's letter in September 2004 regarding Jocelyne Lalonde's visit and the two meetings at the Université de Moncton. The outcome was positive: the Société éducative will receive \$30,000+ from the CNFS through Université Sainte-Anne. Julie Gilman said that this money will be used to hire a liaison officer at the Société éducative for a term to end in March 2006. Élise Arseneault, Béatrice Caillié, John Cathcart, Julie Gilman, Gilbert Ladéroute and Karen Langevin came up with a job description, which includes facilitating access to French-language health training on the Island, coordinating placements and liaising with the CNFS. The employee will follow the work plan developed during the meetings of the Atlantic section.

The letter of thanks was accepted as is.

- b. The Network has not received an official response to its letter about the Strategy for Healthy Living. It has only received an e-mail from Deborah Bradley. Julie Gilman said that she is now a member of the provincial steering committee and that she is doubtful about its effectiveness, because the committee no longer has defined objectives. Donald DesRoches will organize a meeting with Leanne Sayle, Strategy Director.
- c. The 2004-2005 financial statement was accepted as is.

5. New business

a. Setting the Stage

- i. Julie Gilman said that the Setting the Stage project steering committee recommended the Phase I report to the executive committee. The members discussed the validity of the report and whether it should be modified, given the reorganization of the health care system. Julie Gilman was asked to contact HRA to find out their opinion.
- ii. Julie Gilman suggested that the Agreement with HRA should be changed to push back the dates and to eliminate the term "Health Authorities." The members wondered when would be a good time to do this. Julie Gilman will consult the Department lawyer.
- iii. Since the project will be on hold until the directors of the Department of Health and the Department of Social Services and Seniors are implemented, the members would rather not address the composition of the project steering committee. Postponed to a later date.

b. 2005-2006 budget

Accepted as is.

c. Network members

- i. Donald DesRoches questioned the relevance of having a meeting on May 25, since it is not known which government representatives would attend. Julie Gilman will contact the co-chairs in early May to find out.
- ii. Lizanne Thorne suggested that the community representatives be elected to sit on the Network at a Société Saint-Thomas d'Aquin community forum. A nomination committee will be created at the Network to help with the process.

d. Network's Frame of Reference

At the request of the executive committee, Julie Gilman will look at the Network's frame of reference and structure. She will suggest options/solutions at the next meeting

of the executive committee.

e. Network employees

Julie Gilman said that Béatrice Caillié accumulated approximately 30 unpaid hours. A proposal was made to pay her. Johanne Irwin and Sylvie Plourde-Farrell commented on the quality of Béatrice's work. Julie Gilman will draft a letter of thanks and send it to the executive committee members.

At the request of the committee, Julie Gilman will draw up a job description for the Network's full-time position. It is hoped that this position will be filled as quickly as possible. In the meantime, Julie Gilman will assume any urgent tasks, if approved by Susan MacKenzie. Lizanne Thorne said that the SSTA can help with the daily administration.

f. SSF board of directors

Donald DesRoches said that Hubert Gauthier is now the president and director general of the Société Santé en français, and that he has a board of directors meeting the week of April 29. He asked the members which would be the best way to receive news from the board. It was discussed and Lizanne Thorne suggested that receiving the agenda would be preferable in order to influence the decisions. Everyone agreed.

6. Miscellaneous

A meeting of the Atlantic region networks is planned for May 19 and 20. The co-chairs or a delegate are invited to attend.

7. Next meeting

Possibly on May 25 (to be confirmed).

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.