



Réseau des services de santé en français
de l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard

PEI French Language Health Services Network (PEIFLHSN)

July 24, 2006 - 10th meeting
Centre Belle-Alliance, Summerside

Minutes

Governmental members present

Donald DesRoches (co-chair), delegate from the Acadian and Francophone Affairs Division
Jules Aucoin, delegate from the Social Programs and Seniors Division
Jeannita Bernard, delegate from the Acadian Communities Advisory Committee
Cynthia Bryanton, delegate from the Hospitals and Acute Care Division

Community members present

Claude Blaquière (co-chair), delegate from the Société éducative de l'Î.-P.-É.
Colette Arsenault, women's representative
Orella Arsenault, seniors' representative
Nicole Blanchard-Boutilier, parent and early childhood representative
Eileen Doucette, health care professional representative
Melissa Doucette, youth representative

Guest

Catherine Boudreau, Manager, Official Languages Program, Health Canada, Atlantic Region

Employees present

Julie Gilman, Network Coordinator
Caroline Currie, Network Assistant Coordinator
James Langevin, PHCTF Project Officer

Governmental and community members absent

Mary Arsenault, delegate from the Primary Care Division
Marlene Bolger, delegate from the Community Hospitals and Continuing Care Division
Josette Losier, delegate from the Child and Family Services Division
Garth Waite, delegate from the Corporate Services Division
Lucie Arsenault, health care professionals' representative
Johanne Irwin, health care professionals' representative
Lizanne Thorne, delegate from the Société Saint-Thomas-d'Aquin

1. Welcome

Donald DesRoches welcomed the participants. He introduced our guest, Catherine Boudreau from Health Canada (HC), who wanted to sit in on a Network meeting. The participants went around the table. Caroline Currie, the new Network Assistant Coordinator, and Jules Aucoin, the new delegate for the Social Programs and Seniors Division, introduced themselves. Donald DesRoches thanked Catherine for her interest in the Network and said that HC also has an observer on the Société Santé en français (SSF) board of directors. He explained to the new members that the Network co-chairs take

turns chairing meetings.

2. Adoption of the agenda

Donald DesRoches proposed adding Item 4.3, “Update: April 24 meeting with the ministers.” He also suggested that Item 5.1 be changed to 5.1 (a) in order to add 5.1 (b), Network representative on the SSF board of directors. No other changes were proposed.

Colette Arsenault motioned to adopt the agenda with the addition of Items 4.3 and 5.1 (b). Orella Arsenault seconded the motion.

- ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Adoption of the January 31 meeting minutes and the March 28, 2006 planning session report

Donald DesRoches asked whether the participants had any changes to make to the documents. No changes were proposed.

Claude Blaquière motioned to adopt the minutes and report as is. Nicole Blanchard-Boutilier seconded the motion.

- ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Follow-up on the January 31 meeting minutes

4.1 Update: publication of the Setting the Stage Action Plan

Donald DesRoches read the proposal in Item 7.2 of the January 31 meeting minutes:

“Garth Waite motioned for the Network to first present the report to the ministers, then prepare a communication plan for releasing the report to the public. Eileen Doucette seconded the motion.”

He said that a meeting held on April 24, 2006 was attended by Donald DesRoches, Claude Blaquière, Jeannita Bernard and Julie Gilman from the Network, as well as the Minister of Acadian and Francophone Affairs, Elmer MacFadyen, the Minister of Health and of Social Services and Seniors, Chester Gillan, and the Deputy Health Minister, David Riley.

Donald DesRoches said that Jeannita Bernard was a delegate at the meeting of the Acadian Communities Advisory Committee (ACAC), a committee named by the Cabinet. The ACAC’s mandate is to advise the provincial government on how its laws, policies, programs and services meet the specific needs of the Acadian and Francophone community of Prince Edward Island. It is also a reference point for the Island’s Acadians and francophones to consult their provincial government.

The April 24 meeting was shorter than thought, but the Network members came out satisfied that they had reached their objectives. They presented the Setting the Stage report to the ministers and gave their comments on it. The Network members reminded the ministers that the Department of Health representatives contributed to this report. The two ministers agreed to continue studying the report, and Minister Gillan agreed to a second meeting with the group due to a lack of time at this meeting.

Donald DesRoches asked the other participants whether they wanted to make any comments. Claude Blaquière said that Minister Gillan wanted to consult his senior civil servants before meeting with the group again. Jeannita Bernard said that the meeting went well and she is waiting for a proposed second meeting date, as promised.

Julie Gilman said that the Department of Health decided to launch the Setting the Stage report through a press release that she will write. Following questions from the other members, it was specified that the content of the press release has not yet been determined, but it will be a joint release between the Department and the Network. It will be approved by both parties before being released. Julie Gilman reminded members that the Network is still planning to launch the Setting the Stage report during a provincial health day organized together with the Société éducative.

Claude Blaquière motioned for the Network Executive Committee to send a letter to the Minister of Health requesting the implementation of the Setting the Stage Action Plan. Colette Arsenault seconded the motion.

- ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

4.2 Update: Network Web site

Donald DesRoches reminded members that the SSF approved a Primary Health Care Transition Fund (PHCTF) project for the Network. James Langevin was hired on March 20 to manage this project, a Web site.

James Langevin gave an overview of the project, which is going well and will be completed on September 30. The Network's Web site will include the following:

- 1- Directory of bilingual service providers in Prince Edward Island
- 2- Links to virtual French-language health sites
- 3- French-language health training programs
- 4- Intranet for Network members

Caroline Currie will be responsible for maintaining the site once the project is completed.

4.3 Update: April 24 meeting with the ministers

The update of the meeting can be found in Item 4.1.

5. New business

5.1 (a) Network delegates at the SSF AGM

Donald DesRoches told members that the SSF annual general meeting will be held in Ottawa from November 23 to 25. The Network will need one delegate from each of its five partner categories (health care professionals, community organizations, educational institutions, governmental authorities, health care establishments).

(b) Network representative on the SSF board of directors

Donald DesRoches informed members that he currently represents the Network on the SSF board of directors. His mandate ends at the end of November. He will check to see whether he can renew his mandate, but he invited any members interested in the position to let him know. The mandate of an SSF board member is two years and approximately four meetings are held a year in Ottawa. The Network must inform the SSF of its representative at the AGM in November.

5.2 Network delegates at the SSTA AGM

Donald DesRoches informed members that the SSTA annual general meeting will be held on September 30 and October 1 in Souris. As a member of the SSTA, the Network must name three delegates with voting rights for the meeting. Donald DesRoches will attend the AGM as a representative of the Acadian and Francophone Affairs Division, which means he cannot represent the Network. A member highlights this point for the Network's community members who might be interested in representing the Network at the AGM since the SSTA regulations stipulate that individuals have the right to represent only one organization.

5.3 (a) Group work session

Donald DesRoches said that the purpose of this exercise is to define concrete actions for the Network's objectives identified by members at the March 28, 2006 strategic planning session. The objectives in the work table are taken from the session report. The members were divided into two groups to discuss the objectives.

(b) Plenary session

See Appendix I for a summary of the results of the group work session.

After the plenary session, Julie Gilman told members that their suggestions will be included in the meeting minutes. Donald DesRoches asked who will approve the final document. A member suggested that the Executive Committee approve it, and the other members agreed. The Executive Committee is planning to meet at the end of August.

6. Documents submitted for information purposes

Donald DesRoches said that the quarterly reports given to members are the reports that the Network must send every three months to the SSF. The Executive Committee approves these reports before they are sent along with the Network's financial documents.

Donald DesRoches also said that the *Santé primaire en action* (SPA) proposal is the next step for the SSF after Setting the Stage. This is another planning project to help the provincial departments implement Setting the Stage. He said, however, that in PEI, they do not want the Setting the Stage project implementation to depend on the fund allocation for the SPA project (if this project is approved by Health Canada).

7. Other

No other items were discussed.

8. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Network is set for Monday, November 6, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. at Centre Belle-Alliance in Summerside.

9. Adjournment

Donald DesRoches thanked the members for participating.