

**Prince Edward Island French Language Health Services Network
(PEIFLHSN)**

**Progress Report — October to December 2006
Financial Report — 3rd quarter, 2006-2007 fiscal year**

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“Networking” Project
Quarterly Report as at December 31, 2006**

Internal management and administration

The terms of three Network community members ended in November. Two members decided to renew their term, but the seniors representative opted not to return. The executive committee will discuss the procedure to follow when a term ends and how fill the vacant position at their next meeting in January 2007.

Network staff

The Network hired a part-time contract employee in December to provide additional administrative support and help plan its *Health Promotion* Forum, to be held before late March 2007.

A contract worker is still responsible for the accounting.

Communication, representation and liaison

The Network keeps abreast of regional and national issues by maintaining ties with the SSF, participating in meetings on health and French-language services, and collaborating with its partners.

The Network coordinator attended the meeting of the Société Santé en français network coordinators in Ottawa on October 17 and 18, 2006. She also participated in the conference calls on November 14, 16 (SPA) and 30 and December 20.

The coordinator attended the symposium of the Centre de formation médicale du Nouveau-Brunswick (*À l'écoute des communautés francophones de l'Atlantique* - Tuned in to the Atlantic Francophone communities) in Moncton on October 19. (See Appendix II for the symposium program)

The Network coordinator and member Jeannita Bernard presented a position paper to the Standing Committee on Official Languages of the House of Commons in Moncton on November 7, 2006. (See Appendix III for the position paper)

The coordinator and assistant coordinator attended the meeting of Atlantic health networks in Moncton on November 29.

The assistant coordinator represents the Network at the *Meetings of permanent employees of organizations in the PEI Community Forum*, a group of organizations with a provincial mandate to collaborate and exchange ideas. In this quarter, one meeting was held on November 21. (minutes not available)

The assistant coordinator represented the Network on the day of well-being planning committee (*Samedi d'être bien*) for the volunteers and employees of the Acadian and Francophone community, organized by the Société éducative de l'Î.-P.-É. The meeting was held on October 25. *Samedi d'être bien* was held on Saturday, November 4, 2006 and the assistant coordinator had various support tasks throughout the day. Approximately 70 members from the Island's six Francophone regions attended. It was a huge success. (See Appendix IV for a newspaper article and Appendix V for the summary of comments and the plenary session).

The assistant coordinator represented the Network on the planning committee for the *French Language Health and Social Services Forum* organized by the Department of Health and the Department of Social Services and Seniors. She attended a planning meeting on October 4 and the forum on October 26, 2006. Hubert Gauthier was the guest speaker at the forum and received a warm welcome from the employees, who really enjoyed the event. (Forum report currently unavailable).

As mentioned in the last Network progress report, the assistant coordinator established a collaboration with the newly formed Prince Edward Island Health Sector Council (PEIHSC). The Network is now a member of the PEIHSC and the assistant coordinator attended the first meeting (and election of the executive board) with a member of the executive committee on October 13, 2006. The Network then asked whether it would be possible to occupy a special seat on the PEIHSC in order to represent the interests of bilingual human resources in the health sector. Network member Jeannita Bernard gave a presentation to the PEIHSC board of directors on November 20 on the Network and made an official request for this special position. The PEIHSC members elected Ms. Bernard unanimously to their board. Since then, the PEIHSC director has already asked Ms. Bernard to help reach out to Francophone students interested in pursuing studies and a career in health on the Island.

The Network was one of the partners in Agora Jeunesse held on November 9 and 10, 2006. This event was organized by the Jeux de l'Acadie Regional Committee and Jeunesse acadienne. (See Appendix VI for a newspaper clipping).

Network meetings

The Network executive committee met on November 20, 2006 (see Appendix VII for the minutes). The Network's 2006-2008 action plan was finalized a few days after the discussions at this meeting (see Appendix VIII for the action plan). The executive committee members decided to go ahead with a health promotion forum for 2006-2007. The next meeting is set for January 18, 2007.

The Network members met on November 20, 2006, following the executive committee meeting (see Appendix IX for the minutes). They named Johanne Irwin as the new Network representative on the SSF board of directors. She will replace Donald DesRoches, whose term ends in February. In the second half of their meeting, the Francophone members of the Network participated in a consultation with the Department of Health on the Department's strategic plan for 2007-2010. The next Network meeting will be held on February 12, 2007.

PHCTF projects

The assistant coordinator continues to maintain the Web site that was developed for the Network PHCTF project. The Network continues to promote the site and its Directory of bilingual service providers. Several Island organizations have added a link to the Network Web site on their site.

Setting the Stage

There were other delays in the drafting of a joint press release (between the Network and the Department of Health). The press release has therefore been postponed to a later date. The Department of Health completed its analysis of the *Setting the Stage Action Plan* and presented it to the Department's Division directors on November 28.

Health promotion

The Network decided to proceed with the organization of a health promotion forum. The forum proposal was developed in December and the official request will be ready in January 2007. The theme selected for the forum is mental health. The forum will be held in two parts. In February, a session will be organized together with the Island Francophone senior citizens club. Then, a half-day open house will be held in March, at which there will be a speaker in mental health and different workshops that encourage good mental health for all members of the Francophone community.

Planning for the next quarter (January-March 2007)

1. Continue carrying out the actions in the 2006–2008 Network Action Plan in order to attain the priority objectives.
2. Continue establishing ties with the Francophone community and the Network's health partners.
3. Meet the objectives of the *Santé primaire en action* project.
4. Organize and hold a mental health prevention forum.
5. Liaise with the SSF and the provincial and territorial networks.

Financial report

See Appendix D of Appendix I for the financial report.