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**Day of activities dedicated to Prince Edward Island's bilingual health workers
to be held on March 2, 2018**

Conference, workshops and Étoiles Santé Gala

SUMMERSIDE, PEI, February 06, 2018 – The PEI French Health Network (PEIFHN) is pleased to announce that a day of activities dedicated to bilingual workers in Prince Edward Island's public and private health care sector will be held on Friday, March 2, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Centre Belle-Alliance in Summerside. The Health Network was committed to offering this great opportunity to bilingual health professionals after a successful similar day back in March 2016.

The day will get underway with a conference by Acadian Senator René Cormier on the importance of language and culture in health care service delivery.

The conference will be followed by a workshop made up of experiential activities, exchanges and reflections, put on by the Francophone network Planetree, entitled: *Offrir des soins et des services centrés sur les personnes – l'expérience qui nous rassemble* (Providing person-centred care and services – a unifying experience). Planetree is recognized as a global leader for the quality of its person-centred care approach.

A free luncheon will be provided during which the second Étoiles Santé Gala will take place. We will also reflect on the success of this campaign over the past three years. The goal of the Étoile Santé campaign is to recognize health professionals who offer French-language health services. The Étoile Santé prize will be presented during the luncheon.

During the day, participants will have a chance to visit personal and professional development booths. The day will end with an interactive workshop entitled *La personne au cœur du service* (Putting people at the heart of service delivery).

This day of activities is free, and participants will be reimbursed for their travel expenses (within the province).

A registration form is available at www.santeipe.ca. People are asked to register by Friday, February 23, 2018. For more information about this event, please contact Patricia Richard by email at info@santeipe.ca or by telephone at 902-854-7444.

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