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CELEBRATING HARD WORK BY *NUNAVIMMIUT* THROUGHOUT THE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES NETWORK

Kuujuaq, Québec, May 14, 2015 – Families, friends and colleagues gathered today at the Katittavik Town Hall to attend a recognition activity organized by the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services (NRBHSS) and its partner Cégep Marie-Victorin (CMV). The aim was to acknowledge the great efforts of many Inuit who have been attending skills-development programs conceived specifically for the region. Twenty-eight Inuit were celebrated today and thirty-six more were at a similar activity that took place on April 30, 2015, in Puvirnituk for the workers of the Hudson coast.

The skills-development programs were developed over the years in close collaboration with CMV, in accordance with the needs of the region in terms of professional training in health and social services. This training started in 2010 with psychosocial programs in youth protection followed by special care in rehabilitation in 2012 and the last two, Front-Line Services and Administration and Communication in 2013. Throughout the years, over 300 hours of training per program, per coast, have been provided for Inuit social aides, community wellness workers, rehabilitation-centre educators and administrative agents from all across Nunavik. “These training programs have contributed in keeping Inuit staff up-to-date on psychosocial practices, knowledge of the health and social services structure and many other skills essential to their everyday work,” said Minnie Grey, Executive Director of the NRBHSS.

These programs have shown positive impacts on the motivation and self-confidence of Inuit employees, who have an opportunity to share and validate their valuable personal and professional experience during these sessions. “The NRBHSS is proud to be able to work with CMV in providing Inuit workers valuable tools so that our Inuit clients can be better served,” said Elisapi Uitangak, Chairperson of the NRBHSS. The NRBHSS is looking forward to many more success stories such as the ones heard today at the Katittavik Town Hall where trainers acknowledged students’ capacities, acquired competencies and much more. Another recognition activity will take place this fall in Salluit for the educators at the rehabilitation centre.

The NRBHSS is a public agency created in 1978 under the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement. It is responsible for nearly the entire territory located north of the 55th parallel in terms of the provision of health and social services for the inhabitants of the 14 communities.

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