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NUNAVIK REGIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Kuuujuaq, June 10, 2016 – The Nunavik Board of Health and Social Services (NRBHSS) held its 22nd annual general meeting from June 8 to 9, 2016, at the Katittavik Town Hall in Kuuujuaq. The meeting was broadcast live on Taqramiut Nipingat Inc. A short video by the Minister for Rehabilitation, Youth Protection, Public Health and Healthy Living, Lucie Charlebois, was presented, showing her support for the well-being of Nunavik youth in Nunavik.

During the meeting, the NRBHSS made public presentations on its regional priorities in health and social services as well as on its annual activity report.

The NRBHSS honoured individuals from all over the region for their contributions to the health and social services network for the benefit of *Nunavimmiut*. They received certificates of appreciation and jewellery made by youths in the Ulluriaq rehabilitation resource in Montréal and also had the opportunity to give a speech. One of them, Akinisie Qumaluk, midwife at the Inuulitsivik Health Centre in Puvirnituq who has delivered 669 children in her career since 1986, was one of the persons recognized for her dedication to the health sector. “We need to keep our unborn babies healthy, as they are our future leaders, our future mayors, our future doctors and our future nurses; please don’t consume alcohol and drugs during pregnancy,” said Akinisie during her heartwarming speech.

The year 2015-16 proved to be busy, productive and challenging. We continued our efforts with the two health centers in the areas of financial management and implementation of measures identified in our strategic plan to improve services for *Nunavimmiut*. “In conclusion, we would like to acknowledge the fine work of all human resources in health and social services. Their dedication in responding to all the needs of *Nunavimmiut* makes an important difference. We also thank all the regional organizations and partners for their support and collaboration,” said Elisapi Uitangak, Chairperson of the NRBHSS.

Thank you everyone for participating in the event.

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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