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PRIORITIES IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES NUNAVIK 2010-2011

Kuujuaq, October 8, 2010 – This week, the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services (NRBHSS) held its 16th annual general meeting in Kuujuaq. The regular members of the board of directors, which include the executive directors of the NRBHSS and the two health centres, one representative and one delegate from each village and one representative of the Kativik Regional Government (KRG), attended this annual meeting to discuss *Nunavimmiut* concerns in the area of health and social services.

Various topics such as the Northern Québec Module (*MNQ*), youth protection, the cost of food, out-of-region services, the influenza A (H1N1) pandemic and the strategic planning were among the issues raised for the period from April 1, 2009, to March 31, 2010.

During the meeting, the following priorities were established for the current year, i.e., from April 1, 2010, to March 31, 2011:

1. ensure services to prevent Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD);
2. strengthen Inuit cultural identity through healing and develop cultural approaches to improve wellness;
3. establish support links and provide services to strengthen families.

“Youth protection, the Northern Québec Module (*MNQ*), out-of-region services and several other topics will remain at the core of our preoccupations over the coming year,” Alasie Arngak, Chairperson of the NRBHSS board of directors, emphasized.

The next annual general meeting will be held in Kuujuaq from October 4 to 6, 2011.

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