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## 2011 – 2012 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES PRIORITIES IN NUNAVIK

**Kuuujuaq, October 12, 2011** – Last week in Kuuujuaq, the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services (NRBHSS) held its 17<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly. The regular members of the Board of Directors including the Executive Director of the NRBHSS and the two Executive Directors of the Health Centres, one representative and one delegate per village and one representative of the Kativik Regional Government (KRG) participated in this annual meeting in order to discuss the concerns of the Nunavimmiut related to health and social services.

Various elements such as the *Module du nord québécois* (MNQ), youth protection, the cost of food, the use of alcohol and illegal drugs and strategic planning were some of the subjects addressed for the period starting on April 1, 2010, and ending on March 31, 2011.

During this meeting, the following priorities were established for the period in progress starting on April 1, 2011, and ending on March 31, 2012:

1. Promoting awareness on drug and alcohol abuse;
2. Seeking financial means to ensure access to healing activities to help the population heal from the impacts of past traumas.

“Respect for the Inuit values and practices is a key element in the development and delivery of the health care and social services in Nunavik” underlined Alasie Arngak, Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the NRBHSS.

The next Annual General Assembly will be held in Kuuujuaq on October 2-4, 2012.

*The NRBHSS is a public organization that was created in 1978 according to the **James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement**. It is responsible for almost the entire territory of Quebec located north of the 55<sup>th</sup> parallel with respect to the delivery of health and social services to the residents of the 14 communities.*

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