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2012-2013 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES PRIORITIES IN NUNAVIK

Kuujjuaq, October 10, 2012 – Last week, the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services (NRBHSS) held its 18th annual general meeting in Kuujjuaq. The regular members of the board of directors, including the NRBHSS Acting Executive Director, the executive directors of both health centres, one representative and one delegate per village, attended this annual meeting to discuss *Nunavimmiut* preoccupations concerning health and social services.

Topics, such as the need for more treatment centres, the tuberculosis outbreak in Kangiqsualujjuaq, the implantation of telehealth, the new *Nunavik Food Guide*, the clinical projects (youths, mental health and addictions) and strategic planning, were among those raised for the period from April 1, 2011, to March 31, 2012.

During this year's meeting, the following priorities were established for the period under way (April 1, 2012, to March 31, 2013):

- ensure follow-up to the recommendations formulated by the advisory committees relative to the clinical projects:
 - youths;
 - mental health;
 - addictions.

“Respect for Inuit values and practices and local collaboration are key elements in the development and provision of health and social services in Nunavik,” stated Josepi Padlayat, Chairperson of the NRBHSS board of directors.

The next annual general meeting is scheduled in Kuujjuaq for October 8 to 10, 2013.

*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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