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NRBHSS ANNOUNCES CHANGES TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DIRECTORS

Kuujjuaq, February 17, 2025 – The Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services (NRBHSS) today announced significant changes to its Board of Directors following the recent elections and Board meeting on February 11, 2025.

Following the resignation of Chairperson Shirley White-Dupuis last week, the Board has appointed Victoria Tukkiapik, formerly an Executive Committee Member, as the new Chairperson. Her involvement in the community as Council Member at the Northern Village of Quaqtuaq, as first responder and as Elders' Coordinator speak for themselves about her strong sense of connection to the community. Her commitment to community health makes her ideally suited to lead NRBHSS into a new phase of service and innovation.

Victoria Tukkiapik's appointment as Chairperson created a vacancy in the Executive Committee Member position. We are pleased to announce that the elections held during the meeting resulted in the election of Mary Johannes, to fill this important role. This appointment ensures that the Board continues to benefit from robust representation and diverse expertise.

In addition to these leadership changes, the elections also addressed the appointment of northern village representatives. The results for the northern village representative positions are as follows:

- **Umiujaq:** Mina Tookalook
- **Inukjuak:** Peter Inukpuk
- **Akulivik:** Joanasi Aliqu
- **Aupaluk:** Maggie Akpahatak
- **Kuujjuaq:** Mary Johannes
- **Kangiqsualujjuaq:** David Annanack
- **KRG Representative:** Adamie Alayco

"I am honoured to accept the role of Chairperson. Together with our dedicated Board members and partners, I am committed to our mission of advancing health services for the wellbeing of Nunavimmiut. We will work to ensure a smooth transition and continue building on the strong foundation already in place."

- **Victoria Tukkiapik Chairperson of the NRBSSS' Board of Directors**

Jennifer Munick-Watkins, Executive Director said "The NRBHSS is at a pivotal moment, and I am confident that under our new leadership, we will continue to meet the challenges ahead with resilience and innovation. Our commitment to quality healthcare and community engagement remains unwavering. We look forward to collaborating with all stakeholders to strengthen our services across Nunavik."

NRBHSS remains committed to strengthening governance and ensuring that every community in our region is well represented.



The new Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services Board of Directors, Top row: Joanasi Aliqu, Representative of Akulivik; Larry Watt, Executive Director of Ungava Tulatavik Health Center; Annie K. Novalina, Representative of Puvirmituq; Claude Gadbois, Representative of Ungava Tulattavik Health Center (Vice-Chair); Maggie Akpahatak, Representative of Aupaluk; Victoria Tukkiapik, Representative of Quaqtaq (Chairperson); Casey Mark, Representative of Salluit; Mary Johannes, Representative of Kuujjuaq (Executive Member); Jennifer Munick-Watkins, Executive Director of NRBHSS (Secretary to the BOD)

Bottom row: David Annanack, Representative of Kangiqsualujjuaq; Mina Tookalook, Representative of Umiujaq; Peter Inukpuk, Representative of Inukjuaq; Adamie Alayco, Representative of Kativik Regional Government; Peter Iyaituk, Representative of Ivujivik

About the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services

The Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services is a public agency created in 1978 under the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement. It is responsible for nearly the entire Quebec 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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