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Call for Nominations: Exceptional Candidates Sought for Provincial Access Committee

Montreal – May 23, 2018 – Across the province members of the English-speaking community are being invited to come forward to work for our community's interests and help solidify our future.

In what sets a remarkable precedent, the QCGN and the CHSSN have been mandated by a newly revised Quebec Government regulation to establish a joint Selection committee. This committee will call for and recommend candidates from our community for appointment, by the Minister of Health and Social Services, to the new *Provincial committee on the dispensing of health and social services in the English language*, better known as the Provincial Access Committee. The Provincial Access Committee's mandate is to help approve, oversee and evaluate how our health and social services are delivered in English. Note that the Access committee's mandate includes the assessment of regional access programs.

Under Bill 10's newly merged Quebec's health and social-service institutions, the Quebec government has published the process that will govern and improve access to English-language services. QCGN and CHSSN are now asking engaged community volunteers to respond to a unique opportunity to help ensure broad access to quality health and social-services care for English-speaking Quebecers - in our own language. This challenge is aimed equally at community members who are familiar with health and social-services issues and are now prepared to make an enduring and positive impact.

"Rarely has there been a more promising moment for talented individuals to weigh in on behalf of the tangible, long-term interests of our community," said Eric Maldoff, head of QCGN's Health and Social Services Committee. "We expect a formidable group to come forward, ready to contribute their influence, skills and life experience and make this a strong, proactive and productive team."

"This represents an extraordinary occasion for community members who want to make a real and lasting difference to improve access to crucial services for our English-speaking

communities," Maldoff added. "Those who answer this call will help build a substantially more solid foundation for our long-term vitality across Quebec."

The QCGN and the CHSSN will recommend high-quality candidates to the Minister. There are 11 positions to be filled. The nomination deadline is June 22. More detailed information is available on the websites of the [QCGN](#) and the [CHSSN](#).

About QCGN

The [Quebec Community Groups Network](#) is a not-for-profit organization bringing together 56 English-language community organizations across Quebec. As a centre of evidence-based expertise and collective action it identifies, explores and addresses strategic issues affecting the development and vitality of the English-speaking community of Quebec and encourages dialogue and collaboration among its member organizations, individuals, community groups, institutions and leaders.

About CHSSN

The [Community Health and Social Services Network](#) contributes to the vitality of English-speaking communities of Quebec via strategic relationships and partnerships to improve access to services within the health and social services system. It works to strengthen networks at the local, regional and provincial level to address health determinants, influence public policy and develop services.

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