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Agape-Networking Partnership Initiative: Health Promotion Project for Seniors and Follow-up CROP Poll

A meeting of the Agape-NPI was called to order at **10:10 AM** on March 29th 2017 at Cité de la Santé, 1755 Boul. René Laennec, Laval by Kevin McLeod & Ian Williams NPI Coordinators. A special thanks for CISSS Laval for allowing the Agape-NPI to hold its meeting at the Hospital.

Present:

1. Kevin McLeod – Agape
2. Ian Williams- Agape
3. Roderick McLeod- Agape
Board of directors
4. Steve Bletas- Agape Board of
directors
5. Hélène Duval- CISSS Laval
6. Gary Stoopler- CISSS Laval
7. Rémi Alwan- office of Guy
Ouellette-MNA Chomedey
8. Natalina Pace-community
member
9. Façal El Khoury- MP Laval les
Iles
10. Karine Sahakian- Attaché MP
El Khoury
11. Vicken Darakdjian- Attaché
MP Eva Nassif (Vimy)
12. Eleni Fakotakis-Dir Hellenic
Social Services
13. Aileen Borruel-Community
Partner
14. Janick Roy- CLAVA
15. Martin Barry- Laval News
16. Katrina Driver- CLC Laval
Senior Academy
17. Rosalee Tuchow- Chomedey
Seniors
18. Wilma Gumpert- Laval
Women's Group
19. Ann Pilote-Laval Women's
Group
20. Rosi Breuner- Laval Women's
21. Theresa Pratcher-Laval
Women's Group
22. Vicky Koscher-Laval
Women's Group
23. Regina Kovacs-Laval
Women's Group
24. Annaleise Koscher-Laval
Women's Group
25. Hanna Tohermes-Laval
Women's Group
26. Anita Katz- Chomedey Seniors
27. Harvey Katz- Chomedey
Seniors
28. Herb Cohen- Chomedey
Seniors
29. June Cohen- Hadassah
30. Linda Mayhoff- Chomedey
Seniors
31. Rev. Helen Hliaras- Northlea
United Church
32. Mélanie Dubé- CAAP Laval
33. Monica Nadeau- Holy Name &
55+ Seniors
34. Elizabeth Knoll- Community
Member- Holy Name of Jesus
35. Diane Galley- Holy Name of
Jesus-Community Member
36. Els Poot – Community
Member- Holy Name of Jesus
37. Maureen Lizee- Holy Name of
Jesus & 55+ Seniors



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Welcome to new members/ guests

Round table Introductions

Announcements:

CLAVA: A new project to support those who may be experiencing elder abuse is starting, The project is based on the existing program from Ontario called "Its Not Right" and from the CISSS Cavendish in Montreal.

Its aim is also to raise awareness through training of volunteers who will support and sensitize those at risk of elder abuse. Agape is a partner in this project to find these volunteers.

Wellness Centre for English-Speaking Seniors of Laval. A summary of last meeting was made to all those present. Such a large-scale project would need funding of \$100,000 to start in the first year.

Kevin McLeod announced that the grant proposal submitted by Agape to the Quebec Community Group Network (**QCGN**) had been declined. Some of those regions/ organization which were short listed for funding were announced. [See the list here.](#)

It was mentioned and confirmed by Mr. Fayçal El Khoury that his office would advocate for an alternate source of funding (New Horizons) or to review this funding call.

Also noted was that by the presence and interest of so many English-speaking senior's associations at this and last meeting and the evidence base in terms of demographic numbers showing that English-speaking seniors number 15,995 according to 2011 Census figures we will achieve a Wellness centre eventually. We are expecting more growth from the 2016 Census.

Kevin McLeod was pleased to tell the partners present that he attended an intimate meeting with a group of 20 people with **Premier Philippe Couillard and Minister Francine Charbonneau** (Responsible for Seniors) and was able to provide both with the written proposal for the Seniors Wellness Centre, personally.

Needs were expressed by seniors groups present that services in English are rare to non-existent.

Also noted by the Agape NPI-Coordinators was that prevention effort for health promotion takes pressure off the health care system.



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Health Promotion Project (HPP) The Agape-NPI coordinators presented their plan for a Health Promotion Project aimed for English-speaking seniors of Laval.): [See the PowerPoint presentation here](#)

The partners were told about information workshops on various health related topics.

A survey of topics were handed out to the Seniors at the meeting and were asked to select their top 5 topics. [See the survey here.](#)

Other activities proposed for Health Promotion were: French Language training, medical accompaniment/advocacy and First Aid courses.

Collaboration in sharing an eventual space for this project was proposed by Eleni Fakotakis, director of Hellenic Social Services and Reverend Helen Hliaras, Pastor at Northlea United Church at the February 16th 2017 meeting.

Mr. Gary Stoopler, contact person for the Agape-NPI and responsible for Anglophone dossier at the CISSS Laval, presented on the work of the *Centre Intégré de Santé et de Services Sociaux de Laval (CISSS Laval)* following the presentation of the **CROP survey data** by Dr. Joanne Pocock (September 29th 2016 meeting).

The CISSS Laval was concerned that 50% of English respondents were dissatisfied with regional health and social services. They were not aware of the extent of this problem beyond bad media coverage.

This data was presented to upper management and to the CISSS Laval Board of Directors.

He advised the partners present that he would also present this information to 270 other managers, along with the reminder of the institution's legal requirements to provide specified services agreed upon by the *Regional Access Plan for English language services* by the Access committee for English Language services.

Mr. Stoopler vowed to:

1. Provide better English language training to professionals in the institution
2. Translate more documents into English
3. Their new website will be bilingual (for content relevant for the population)

Meeting Closed 12:20



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