

PRESS RELEASE

Entité² Welcomes 4 New Members on Its Board of Directors

[Welland, September 27, 2017] Following its Annual General Meeting held on September 26th in Burlington, the French-language Health Planning Entity for Hamilton-Niagara-Haldimand-Brant and Waterloo-Wellington (Entité²) welcomes 4 new members on its board of directors.

Vice-President Denise Carter recognized the outgoing members by declaring: "On behalf of Entité² I would like to thank Kosita Musabye, our outgoing President (HNHB region), Malika Attou (HNHB region) and Joseph Richards (WW region) for their serious involvement along with their conviction and determination in the governance of our organization. Your contribution to Entité² and your dedication to its new strategic planning are greatly appreciated and allow our new members to approach their new role with clarity."

The 4 newly-elected members are:

- **Jean-Rock Boutin** for the HNHB region. Mr Boutin has a Master in gerontology, and was a member of the provisional board of directors of replet Salveo (The French-Language Health Planning Entity for the Toronto Central, Central West and Mississauga-Halton regions). He is also the founder of Action positive VIH/SIDA and has 35 years' experience as a social worker including 15 years working in the CCACs.
- **Mélissa Loïzou** for the HNHB region. Mrs Loïzou is a bilingual lawyer for the Hamilton Community Legal Clinic and has 10 years experience working with vulnerable people and advocating for women's rights.
- **Sabrina Piluso** for the HNHB region. Mrs Piluso is the Health and Well-Being director at Centre de santé communautaire Hamilton-Niagara. She has 6 years experience in various positions in the health sector including 2 years working with the LINHs.
- **France Vaillancourt** for the HNHB region. Mrs Vaillancourt is currently the executive director at Community Living Grimsby-Lincoln, and was the deputy director at Centre de santé communautaire Hamilton-Niagara for 5 years prior to that. She also brings to the board 7 years experience with French language services planning and development at the Ontario Ministry of Justice.

They join Denise Carter and Rachel Baril who were elected to the Board of directors of Entité² in September 2016.

L'Entité² is a not-for-profit organization which services the territories of the Hamilton-Niagara-Haldimand-Brant and Waterloo-Wellington LHINs. Expert and LHINs partner, Entité² is attuned to the needs of Francophone communities and recommends strategies to improve access to quality health services in French.

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