

PRESS RELEASE

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Erié/St.Clair South-West French-Language Health Services Planning Entity Hires New Executive Director

(Windsor, Ontario) – The Board of Directors of the *Erié/St.Clair South-West French-Language Health Services Planning Entity* is pleased to announce the hiring of Mr. Constant Ouapo as Executive Director.

The Chair of the Board of Directors, Mr. Paul Lachance, stated that the Entity conducted a wide-ranging Ontario and National recruitment process within the Francophonie. "It has been an honour to attract qualified candidates and to have selected someone with the skill set and experience demonstrated by Mr. Ouapo."

Mr. Ouapo holds a Ph.D. in Agriculture (economy and agri-business), a Masters in Business Administration and a Certificate in Health Management. He also possesses more than three years of experience in French-Language health services planning. He currently holds the position of Director, Planning and Community Engagement at Reflet Salvéo in Toronto.

The incoming Executive Director is a member of numerous community-based Boards of Directors and health organizations. He is currently President of the Board of Directors of the Toronto ACFO.

Mr. Lachance adds that « the appointment of Constant Ouapo is timely in our business cycle since we will soon initiate a new strategic planning process at the Entity. We wish him the warmest welcome on our team. »

The Board of Directors wants to take this opportunity to acknowledge the immense contribution of the retiring Founding Executive Director, Mr. Jacques Kenny, since the creation of the Entity seven years ago. "Mr. Kenny has been a dedicated, efficient and committed leader in our drive to increase health services in French, in our region. We thank him on behalf of all Francophone communities within the areas served by the Entity", stated Mr. Lachance.

The new Executive Director will start in his position on January 21, 2019. For more details, please contact the Entity at 1 (519) 948-1515.