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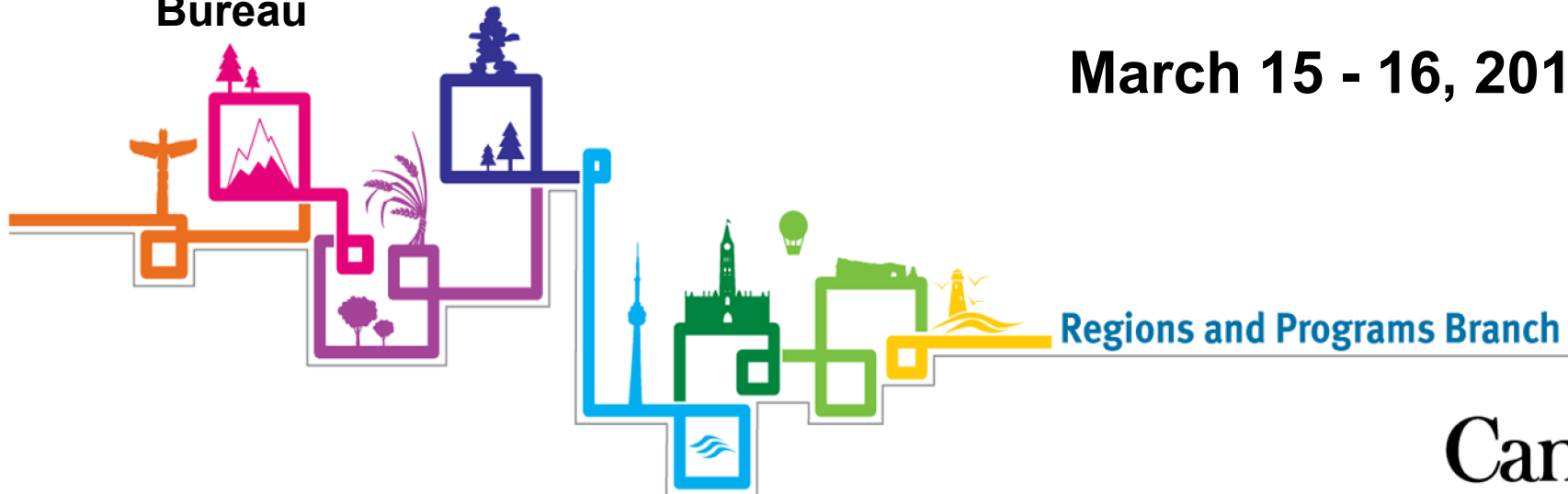
Health initiatives for English-speaking individuals and communities in Quebec

Overview of the Official Languages Health Contribution Program

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Presentation outline

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Part VII of the *Official Languages Act*

“Every federal institution has the duty to support the development of the English and French linguistic minority communities in Canada and to foster the full recognition and use of both English and French in Canadian society.

“Additional duties are assigned to the Minister of Canadian Heritage:

- interdepartmental coordination;
- promote the equality of English and French in Canadian society;
- public consultation;
- annual report to Parliament.





Health Canada's role

“The Official Language Community Development Bureau (OLCDB) coordinates the administration of section 41 of the *Official Languages Act*:

- in collaboration with official language coordinators in each branch and regional office, the Official Languages Champion for Part VII of the Act (Laurette Burch), and employees and managers across Health Canada;
- in consultation with the English and French linguistic minorities in Canada.

“The intent is to:

- improve health services access and health status of official language minority communities;
- promote the use of both official languages in the provision of health services in Canada.





Overview of the Roadmap for Canada's Linguistic Duality

- “ On June 19, 2008, the Government of Canada launched its *Roadmap for Canada's linguistic duality 2008-2013: Acting for the Future*, which represents an unprecedented government-wide investment of \$1.1 billion over five years.
- “ This total includes the continuation of existing initiatives (over 840 million dollars) and new initiatives (over 260 million dollars).
 - Health Canada received the largest share of new funding at \$59.3 million.
- “ Initiatives in 14 departments and agencies were approved in December 2008 under separate Treasury Board submissions.
- “ The horizontal results-based management framework was approved by the Treasury Board in March 2009.





Summary of the Roadmap initiative at Health Canada

“ Health Canada received approval for funding of \$174.3M for the Official Languages Health Contribution Program to support improved access to health services for official language minority communities over 2008-2009 to 2012-2013.

- Ongoing contribution funding of \$115 million (\$23 million per year) to community-based initiatives (networks and training);
- non-recurrent contribution funds of \$55 million (project funding and increases to networks and training); and
- non-recurrent operating funds of \$4.3 million to administer the program (transfers to regions, performance measurement, evaluation).

“ Funding in the final year (2012-2013) is pegged at \$39.6 million.





Summary of the Roadmap initiative at Health Canada (cont'd)

- “ **The Roadmap approach includes:**
- “ a results-based management strategy;
- “ a commitment to being available to communities and to improving their health circumstances:
 - networks in each community;
 - a federal government presence in each region of the country.
- “ Training and human resources initiatives to ensure the availability of health personnel to respond to the needs of English and French linguistic minority communities;
- “ Projects to maintain and enhance health status and health services access for these communities;
- “ Initiatives that are coordinated across federal departments and agencies and with other levels of government.





The Official Languages Health Contribution Program 2008-2013 (\$37.8 million in 2010-2011)

“Three mutually supporting contribution program strategies:

- Support to Health Networks (\$22M over five years)
 - “ Maintain and reinforce existing networks; develop partnerships with provinces and territories
- Training and Retention of Health Professionals (\$114.5M over five years)
 - “ Postsecondary training in French; recruitment; linguistic training of health professionals in Quebec; cultural and linguistic training in French outside Quebec
- Projects to Improve Access to Health Services (\$33.5M over four years)
 - “ Priority to children, youth and elderly





The Official Languages Health Contribution Program 2008-2013 (continued)

Funds available for English-speaking communities in Quebec						
	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	Total
%Health networking+ component	\$1.0 M	\$1.5 M	\$2.0 M	\$2.0 M	\$2.0 M	\$8.5 M
%Training and retention of health professionals+ component	\$4.0 M	\$4.5 M	\$4.7 M	\$4.8 M	\$5.0 M	\$23.0 M
%Official languages health projects+ component	\$0.0 M	\$2.5 M	\$3.0 M	\$3.2 M	\$3.3 M	\$12.0 M
Total	\$5.0 M	\$8.5 M	\$9.7 M	\$10.0 M	\$10.3 M	\$43.5 M





The Official Languages Health Contribution Program 2008-2013 (cont'd)

“ **Expected program results:**

- “ Increased number of health professionals to provide health services in official language minority communities.
- “ Increased coordination and integration of health services for official language minority communities within institutions and communities.
- “ Increased partnership/interaction of networks in provincial and territorial health systems.
- “ Increased awareness among stakeholders that networks are a focal point for addressing health concerns of official language minority communities.
- “ Increased dissemination and adoption of knowledge, strategies, or best practices to address health concerns of official language minority communities.





The Official Languages Health Contribution Program 2008-2013 (cont'd)

“ **Program results to date:**

- “ 32 contribution agreements launched since 2009.
- “ 965 new students were registered in French-language training programs outside Quebec in 2009-2010 (822 in 2008-2009).
- “ Some 1000 health professionals in Quebec received language training in 2009-2010 (over 2000 in 2008-2009).
- “ New projects aimed at improving the health and health access of official language minority communities were implemented in 2009-2010 38 projects in French-speaking minority communities and 9 projects in English-speaking communities of Quebec.
 - For example, a new French-language telehealth site was launched in Manitoba under the sponsorship of the Société Santé en français; and
 - an initiative to improve access to health and social services in English in the Estrie region of Quebec was launched through the Community Health and Social Services Network.





Next steps

- “ Mid-term review of the Official Languages Health Contribution Program (2011)
- “ Consultation with communities (2011)
- “ Evaluation of the program (2012)
- “ Evaluation of the Roadmap for Canada’s Linguistic Duality (2012)





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Annex A – Program logic model



