



Press Release

Interim Trustee appointed for the Baffin Regional Health and Social Services Board.

Iqaluit, Nunavut (January 07,2000) - Minister of Health and Social Services, Ed Picco has appointed Rosemary Cooper as the interim trustee for the Baffin Regional Health and Social Services Board. Ms. Cooper, Assistant Deputy Minister for Health and Social Services, Will oversee contract and financial matters effective immediately. This appointment comes as all Nunavut Health and Social Services Boards and the Department of Health and Social Services approach full integration on April 1st, 2000.

“This appointment is a good bridge to integration. Our plan was to have regional Executive Directors reporting through Ms. Cooper in April and simply brings the plan for Baffin forward a few months. The Board will continue through until March 31st, but it will function in a more advisory role”. Said Minister Picco

Mr. Picco also accepted the resignation of Mr.Dennis Patterson, who has served as Chairperson for the past 2 years. Mr. Patterson went on to say, “I am proud of the performance of Board members and staff alike, and I wish Ms. Cooper and all staff success in maintaining and improving levels of service throughout the Baffin.” The Minister thanked Mr. Patterson, referring to his active and tireless leadership throughout his tenure as Chairperson. Mr. Timut Qamukaq, currently Vice-Chair of the Board has been asked to chair future meetings of the Board until March 31, 2000.

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