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Nunavut Announces New Chief Medical Officer of Health

IQALUIT, Nunavut (April 19, 2005) – Minister of Health and Social Services Levinia Brown has announced that Dr. Isaac Sobol has accepted the full time position as Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) for Nunavut.

“This appointment will strengthen leadership in the area of public health,” Brown said. “Public health is essential in building healthy communities.”

Dr. Sobol began working part-time as CMOH for the Department of Health and Social Services in October 2004. He is now working full time and residing in Iqaluit.

“I am very happy to be here in Nunavut” Sobol said. “I look forward to meeting with Nunavummiut throughout the territory and to making sure that public health is guided by the wisdom and the needs of community members.”

Dr. Sobol obtained his Doctor of Medicine degree at Queen’s University, Kingston, Ontario, in 1985. In 1991, he became a Medical Health Officer for the North West Community Health Services Society in Terrace, British Columbia. From June 2003 until April 2005, he was Director of the Division of Aboriginal People’s Health and Site Director for the Aboriginal Residency Program in the Department of Family Practice at the University of British Columbia.

Dr. Sobol as CMOH, together with Dr. Geraldine Osborne, Assistant Chief Medical Officer of Health, will help bring care closer to home.

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