

## News Release

## Transitional Funding Agreement will Streamline Wellness Programs

**IQALUIT, Nunavut** (**April 7, 2008**) – The Minister of Health and Social Services with the Government of Nunavut, Leona Aglukkaq, is pleased to announce the signing of a new agreement with Health Canada that streamlines reporting requirements and eases administrative processes of community-based health and wellness programming.

"Strengthening community-based health and wellness activities takes the partnership of everyone to achieve this goal, and I am proud this new transitional funding agreement streamlines this very process," said Minister Aglukkaq. "We have worked closely with Health Canada and are now moving towards a process that eventually allows communities to develop multi-year projects with predictable funding. It is good news for Nunavut."

"This new multi-year funding arrangement demonstrates the Government of Canada's continuing commitment to improving Inuit health," said the Honourable Tony Clement, federal Minister of Health. "It increases the Government of Nunavut's flexibility to develop effective community based health promotion and prevention programs based on agreed priorities - mental health and addictions; children and youth; and chronic disease and injury prevention."

In addition to eventually permitting multi-year projects, the new transitional funding agreement minimizes overall administrative and reporting requirements for both the Government of Nunavut and the funding recipients.

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