

January 12, 2012

On behalf of The Bridge Youth & Family Services, I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to all the organizations, who expressed an interest in national implementation of the Healthy Together Program. We are very impressed with the incredible response that we received in spite of such short turn around time, as well as the high quality of services offered by the organizations to meet the unique needs of a diverse population base in multiple settings across Canada.

Names of all thirty interested organizations have been included in the Letter of Intent that was submitted to the Public Health Agency of Canada earlier this month. Should we be invited to submit a full proposal for Phase II funding, we will be selecting a total of 10 organizations using assessment criteria and priorities to be developed and outlined in the Phase II proposal template. At this time we have tentatively selected five geographic regions to implement the project. These regions are Atlantic, Quebec and Ontario, Prairies, Pacific and the North.

The selected organizations will be invited to participate in a conference call to discuss the next steps, and will be requested to submit a letter of engagement and a budget for delivery of the Healthy Together Program. Anticipated timeline for selection and proposal submission is February to April 2012. If successful, the start date for Phase II is the fall of 2012.

If successful in receiving funding for Phase II of this exciting initiative, our plan is to also offer the Healthy Together Program to those organizations who may not be selected initially, by developing long term, sustainable strategies and resources to incorporate this program within existing core service infrastructure.

Thank you once again for your timely response and interest in our program and we look forward to connecting with you in near future.

Sincerely,
The Bridge Youth & Family Services

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis Dandeneau".

Dennis Dandeneau
Executive Director