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Cleveland, Québec - The CHSLD Wales Inc. meets with Dr. Gaétan Barrette

The Wales Home is a private, not for profit seniors' long term care facility serving the English community of the Estrie region since 1921. The CHSLD Wales Inc. offers quality care and services to seniors favorably comparable to any public facility, although the CHSLD Wales Inc. does not receive public funding.

On January 27th, 2017, Board members from the CHSLD Wales and the VP of the Wales Home Foundation met with the Minister of Health and Social Services, Dr. Gaétan Barrette, as well as Richmond MNA Karine Vallières, to request changing its current status of "privé non-conventionné" to a designated "privé conventionné" facility for the English speaking population of the Estrie region.

Although this request was denied by the Minister, he did recognize the importance of the Wales facility for the Anglophone population of the Estrie region, and demonstrated openness to finding a solution to the CHSLD Wales Inc.'s current and future financial situation. Since 2012, Richmond MNA Karine Vallières has been working with the CHSLD Wales' Executive Director Brendalee Piironen to find a long term solution for the facility. As of today, negotiations will begin with the Minister of Health to find a long-term, sustainable solution for the Wales. All the concerned parties offered their full cooperation to the steps that will be forthcoming to finding this solution together.

The CHSLD Wales wishes to thank MNA Karine Vallières for her support and commitment to the Wales, its residents, as well as to the English speaking community of the Estrie.

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