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HEALTH BOARDS ASSOCIATION APPLAUDS GOVERNMENT'S PROCESS FOR THE CHANGE TO REGIONAL INTEGRATED HEALTH AUTHORITIES

January 7, 2005: The Newfoundland and Labrador Health Boards Association (NLHBA) congratulates Government on the announcement today of the new Boards of the Regional Integrated Health Authorities (RIHAs).

“The NLHBA was particularly happy to see Minister Ottenheimer’s appreciation of the unstinting volunteer work of the current members of the fourteen boards,” said John Peddle, NLHBA Executive Director. “The NLHBA is very supportive of the proposed implementation process over the next few months for the move from the current fourteen boards to the four RIHAs, in preparation for the RIHAs’ final assumption of legal authority and the completion of the transfer at the end of March. Health boards and the RIHAs working together will ensure that the regular delivery of health and community services continues during this period. This year,” said Peddle, “Will be a positive move towards our goal of providing the best possible health and community services to Newfoundland and Labrador.”

The Newfoundland and Labrador Health Boards Association represents all the current fourteen Health Boards in the Province and will be working with the four RIHAs. All health services and community services, including child, youth and family services, community corrections and youth diversion programs, and adult services, are delivered by Health Boards in Newfoundland and Labrador.

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