Development and Approval Process for Multi-Year Strategic French-Language Service (FLS) Plans of Regional Health Authorities (RHAs)

Initial Development:
1. Development of a draft Multi-Year Strategic FLS Plan by the staff of the RHA in close collaboration with the Table régionale de concertation (regional round table) and the RHA Management/Executive Committee.

Preliminary Approval:
2. Approval in principle by the RHA Management/Executive Committee and the Table régionale de concertation.
3. Review and approval of the plan by the Santé en français Board of directors. This is a high-level review with one of its main objectives being to ensure that all the steps in the process set out in this document have been followed. The Table régionale de concertation and the RHA are consulted with respect to all amendments proposed by Santé en français.

Final Approval:
4. Approval and signing of the plan by the appropriate senior authority of the RHA.
5. Submission by the RHA to the Francophone Affairs Secretariat of the Multi-Year Strategic FLS Plan signed by the RHA.
6. Signature of the plan by the Minister responsible for Francophone Affairs and the Minister of Health.
7. The Francophone Affairs Secretariat keeps an updated file of all approved Multi-Year Strategic FLS Plans.

N. B.: Written communications between the RHAs and Santé en français as to the approval of the plans shall be through their respective chief executive officers.

Implementation:
8. The Multi-Year Strategic FLS Plan is implemented by means of annual operating plans.

Evaluation:
9. An evaluation of the plan is carried out during the final year of each multi-year cycle and the evaluation report submitted to Santé en français and the Francophone Affairs Secretariat. The report is used to initiate the development of the subsequent Multi-Year Strategic FLS Plan.

Multi-Year Strategic French-Language Services Plan

Sources: Framework for the Development of FLS Plans by Child and Family Services Authorities, Diagram of the planning cycle of FLS, p. 4 et p. 12-13
RHA Framework for Developing a Multi-Year Strategic FLS Plan, p. 3

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