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Isuarsivik Regional Recovery Centre awarded by Accreditation Canada

FIRST-EVER NUNAVIK-BASED ORGANIZATION TO RECEIVE THE QMENTUM ACCREDITATION AWARD

May 22, 2019 (Kuujuuaq) – In the spirit of celebrating our 25th anniversary, Isuarsivik Regional Recovery Centre is proud to announce that we have achieved, *Qmentum Accreditation* from Accreditation Canada. It is the first time in history that a health and social services organization in Nunavik has received this honorable distinction that highlights best practices in terms of quality and safety standards of excellence.

'The Accreditation Decision Committee is pleased to inform you that Isuarsivik Regional Recovery Centre is Accredited under the Qmentum accreditation program. (...) This is a milestone to be celebrated, and we congratulate you and your team for your commitment to providing safe, high quality health services.' detailed Ms. Julie Langlois, Chair of Accreditation Decision Committees in the decision letter.

Granted in 2017 with the *Accreditation Primer Award*, the organization has recently followed a comprehensive self-assessment. Thus, external peer surveyors conducted an on-site survey at the Centre during which they assessed Isuarsivik's leadership, governance, clinical programs and services against Accreditation Canada requirements for quality and safety. These requirements include national standards of excellence, required safety practices to reduce potential harm; and questionnaires to assess the work environment, guest safety culture, governance functioning and guest experience.

'I am deeply proud of our team who has undergone the rigorous Accreditation Canada evaluation process. All our hard work has been recognized and we have to build on that award to enhance our services and regain control over the region's



future, through empowerment and promotion of Inuit culture, practices and pride.' stated Isuarsivik President, Dave Forrest.

'This accreditation is great news and demonstrates that our growing organization has accomplished another major step in improving our quality and safety standards to better serve our guests. Such an award is the finality of lots of preparation and work. It wouldn't have been possible without the strong support of our dedicated Board members, our management team, our devoted staff as well as Isuarsivik Project Manager, Geneviève Dorval.' mentioned Isuarsivik Executive Director, Alicia Aragutak.

About

Established in 1994, Isuarsivik Regional Recovery Centre is a non-for-profit **community** organization based in Kuujuaq offering a culturally-based healing program as a means for Inuit of Nunavik to achieve a healthy, addictions free lifestyle. The organization is recognized region-wide to respond to serious regional concerns by supporting people facing any form of substance and behavioural addictions with a focus on alcohol and drugs. With 25 years of experience, Isuarsivik relies on its comprehensive knowledge, its experienced and competent team as well as its unique cultural approach to assist Inuit of Nunavik in their individual journey.

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