Médecins du Monde (MdM) Attn: Ms. Véronique Houle Director of National Operations 560 Boulevard Cremazie, East Montreal, QC H2P 1E8 January 30, 2019

## RE: Engagement Letter for the implementation of a Mobile Clinic in Winnipeg

Dear Ms. Houle,

I write on behalf of the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority in response to the Doctors of the World (DoW) project proposal to establish a Mobile clinic, providing community-based health care services in Winnipeg.

As an organization which works to coordinate and deliver quality, caring services that promote health and well-being and provides a variety of services to populations across the continuum of care, we are continuously striving to strengthen WRHA's mandate to deliver high quality care. The WRHA supports a collaborative community approach to service planning and delivery and values the many community partnerships which our everyday work is built upon. Our services within the Winnipeg region promote health equity and conditions in which every person can achieve their full potential. Our focused work with various population groups and specifically, with disadvantaged and marginalized populations, are evidence of our efforts to improve health and reduce health disparities.

The provincial health system in Manitoba is currently undergoing significant and revolutionary change. There is significant work currently being done provincially led by Shared Health Services to create a Provincial Clinical and Preventative Services Plan that will help inform operators provincially on service standards and models of care. We see value in the service model Doctors of the World is proposing for Winnipeg however, in the absence of a provincial coordinated plan, we cannot commit to a solution and are not in a position to support this project at this point in time.

We invite Doctors of the World to work with Shared Health directly in order for the proposed model of service to be considered within the provincial planning of the Primary Care and Community Services Planning Team. Please refer to the following website for additional information about the provincial health transformation <a href="https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/hst/program.html">https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/hst/program.html</a>. I have also included in this letter, Shared Health Services key contacts for your information and for their awareness.

We thank you for reaching out to the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority and look forward to future collaboration opportunities.

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Enclosure: Needs Assessment

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