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Announcement

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New Chief Executive Officer for North West LHIN

The North West Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) Board of Directors is very pleased to announce the appointment of Laura Kokocinski as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the North West Local Health Integration Network.

Ms. Kokocinski will assume the CEO position effective September 1, 2010. Ms. Kokocinski was appointed following a rigorous and comprehensive national search process. Ms. Kokocinski was appointed as the Interim CEO in February 2010. She previously served as the Senior Director, Planning, Integration and Community Engagement since January 2006.

Ms. Kokocinski is a life long resident of Northwestern Ontario and has extensive leadership experience in the education and health care sectors, including acute care, long term care and community care. Her extensive background in the integrated delivery of health services in Northwestern Ontario has given her a solid understanding of our region. In addition to having held the positions of Vice President, Health Services at the Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre, Executive Director of the Community Care Access Centre of the District of Thunder Bay and Director of Continuing Education with Confederation College, she brings a strong background in leadership, education, policy development and research.

QUOTE

“Laura is a highly skilled communicator and transformational leader! Her leadership efforts throughout her career have demonstrated clear and sustained impact while supporting positive stakeholder interactions.”

“Laura’s track record in Northwestern Ontario speaks for itself – she combines a focus that seeks to innovate with a leadership style that is flexible and open-minded in fostering collaborative relationships. Her knowledge and passion in understanding the factors that make a northern health care context unique, make her the right leader for the North West LHIN”.

--Janice Beazley, Chair, Board of Directors, North West LHIN

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health system – our future*

QUICK FACTS

- The North West LHIN is one of 14 LHINs established by the government to improve the coordination, integration and performance of health care services at the local level.
- The North West LHIN funds and is accountable for the performance of 104 health care providers including hospitals, the North West Community Care Access Centre, community support services, Community Health Centres, mental health and addiction agencies and long term care homes.
- The North West LHIN's health service providers deliver health care services to the residents of Northwestern Ontario.

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