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CCAC announces interim management agreement

Ottawa, December 8, 2009 -- The Champlain Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) Board of Directors has approved an executive leadership agreement with The Ottawa Hospital, facilitated by the Champlain Local Health Integration Network (LHIN).

In response to KPMG's third-party operational review, the Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) has facilitated an agreement that will see The Ottawa Hospital (TOH) provide interim executive-level leadership to the CCAC. The Board of Directors for the CCAC, LHIN and TOH have endorsed this arrangement.

Mr. Cameron Love, Vice-President, Planning, Support Services and Clinical Programs of The Ottawa Hospital (TOH) will assume the additional role of interim CEO of the CCAC, effective December 15, 2009.

Under this management agreement, the CCAC maintains exclusive responsibility for the delivery of its programs and services. Mr. Love will report directly to the CCAC Board of Directors. The Board will remain autonomous and retain full responsibility, authority and accountability for the oversight and direction of the CCAC.

The CCAC Board has asked Mr. Love to fulfill the following mandate:

- Develop a memorandum of understanding for the arrangement between the CCAC, LHIN and TOH;
- Provide in-depth analysis of KPMG's findings;
- Continue with the implementation of the KPMG recommendations;
- Implement a deficit recovery plan, at the CCAC Board's request; and
- Identify other changes in consultation with CCAC staff, partners and stakeholders.

The interim agreement will be in place until the CCAC Board appoints a permanent CEO for the CCAC. The CCAC, LHIN and TOH have agreed that the management agreement will be in place for no longer than one-year.

"Our approach builds on our staff's long-standing commitment to the 55,000 people the CCAC serves every year," said CCAC Board Chair, Lynn Graham.

"Through TOH's financial and operational expertise, the CCAC will benefit from the stability it needs to provide compassionate service, while our Board concentrates on developing a sustainable, long-term executive leadership plan which will strengthen the CCAC's key role in providing quality home and community care," she added.

"Our mandate is to identify local solutions to local challenges. We are delighted to facilitate collaborative efforts that benefit the health of our community, and we will ensure all our partners' voices are heard as we secure the CCAC's future," stated Marie Fortier, Chair of the LHIN Board.

"We've long advocated for a collaborative regional approach to the challenges we face in home care, assisted living, long-term care and seniors care in hospitals," said Phil Murray, Chair of the TOH Board.

"The CCAC can count on us to provide the support required to meet our region's health-care needs. At the same time, our hospital has a unique opportunity to gain better insight into the issues facing the CCAC every day," concluded Mr. Murray.

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