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Lake of the Woods District Hospital President & CEO announcement

Kenora, ON, February 9, 2024 – The Board of Directors of Lake of the Woods District Hospital (LWDH) is pleased to announce the appointment of Cheryl O’Flaherty as the new LWDH President and Chief Executive Officer effective June 21, 2024. Cheryl will become the first woman to serve in this capacity at LWDH.

Cheryl brings a wealth of skill and experience to this new role. She is a Chartered Professional Accountant and a graduate of the Rotman’s Advanced Health Leadership Program. She began her career at the hospital 20 years ago, and through progressively responsible leadership roles within the hospital, is currently the Vice President, Operations and Chief Financial Officer. Kenora is home for Cheryl, and she has a deep knowledge and understanding of, and compassion for, the challenges facing the communities served by LWDH.

The Board of Directors wishes to acknowledge the current President and CEO, Ray Racette, who is set to retire in June 2024 for his exceptional leadership throughout unprecedented times in health care. Ray’s legacy at LWDH will be long lasting, as is shown in his ability to lead the team in reconciliation, engagement, and prioritizing the stability of services and family and patient centered health care. His work in supporting the All Nations Health Partners Ontario Health Team (ANHP OHT) and completing the planning of the new All Nations Hospital project have been important for the future of health care delivery in our region.

Please join the Board of Directors in thanking Ray for his exemplary service, and in congratulating Cheryl on her appointment as the new incoming President and CEO.

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