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Changes Recovery Homes joins Lake of the Woods District Hospital

Kenora, ON, April 11, 2024 - We are excited to announce that, as of April 1, 2024, Changes Recovery Homes (Changes) officially became a part of Lake of the Woods District Hospital (LWDH).

Changes is a recovery home for adults waiting for addictions treatment or requiring continued support post treatment. More than a residence, Changes has aided in transforming lives in our district for several decades by offering programming, continuous guidance and assistance available at the home. Changes aligns well with the continuum of addiction and mental health care currently provided through LWDH's Mental Health & Addiction Services portfolio.

Programs and services provided by Changes will continue for clients without interruption. Robert Bernie, Changes Recovery Homes Board Chair explains "Changes has been a part of our community for many years, operating with funding received from Ontario Health. It has been a safe, supportive space for thousands to call home, as they journey through recovery. With the transition to LWDH, the Changes Board of Directors is confident that timely access and professional recovery services will continue to be provided to clients from Northwestern Ontario here in Kenora."

LWDH has had a longstanding partnership with Changes and this integration is an opportunity to deliver a more seamless, coordinated experience for clients and their families in accessing addictions and mental health services. Linkages to traditional healing and cultural supports will also be available for Changes clients through the LWDH Indigenous Patient Relations Department.

Denise Forsyth, Senior Director of Mental Health & Addiction Services at LWDH shares "We would like to extend a sincere message of appreciation to the staff and Changes Recovery Homes Board for their dedication and commitment to people in recovery. We also would like to recognize the Changes clients for meaningfully engaging in the transition and service planning, and our partners at Ogimaawabiitong Kenora Chiefs Advisory and Waasegiizhig Nanaandawe'iyewigamig (WNHAC) for their support throughout the integration planning."

For more information on Changes Recovery Home please contact Richard Hoppe, Manager at 807-468-9861, ext 4105 or rhoppe@lwdh.on.ca.

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