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DEBORAH HAMMONS NAMED NEW CEO FOR CENTRAL EAST LHIN
Results oriented leader looking forward to working with the health care community

Foster Loucks, Chair of the Central East LHIN Board of Directors, announced today that Deborah Hammons will become the new CEO of the Central East LHIN. Ms. Hammons, who is currently the Executive Director of Fairhaven, a long term care home in Peterborough, will assume her new role effective November 12, 2007.

"Ms Hammons has the skills and qualifications that we were looking for in a new CEO as we continue with our efforts aimed at improving the public health care system," said Mr. Loucks. "The board was particularly impressed with Ms. Hammons' experience in working with a variety of stakeholders in effecting change in large organizations."

Ms Hammons, who began her career in healthcare as a nurse, has held senior positions in healthcare organizations throughout Canada including the Vancouver General Hospital, the Ottawa General Hospital, the Toronto Hospital and the Hamilton Health Sciences Corporation. In addition, she has served on the board of the Ontario Association of Non-Profit Homes and Services for Seniors and is a surveyor for the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation (CCHSA).

Since joining Fairhaven in 2000, Ms. Hammons has added to her list of professional accomplishments by overseeing the development of a new \$25.5 million facility, leading the organization in achieving their first 3-year CCHSA Accreditation, and implementing an Information Strategic Plan to create a state of the art computerized environment.

"The Central East Local Health Integration Network has begun a major transformation agenda," said Ms. Hammons. "I look forward to working with the board, the staff, healthcare providers and community residents as we continue to implement the Integrated Health Service Plan that will make a difference in the lives of the people who live and work in the Central East LHIN."

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