

Central LHIN Announces New Chief Executive Officer

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The Board of Directors of the Central Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) is pleased to announce the appointment of Kim Baker as the new Chief Executive Officer.

This announcement follows the conclusion of a comprehensive national search, conducted by a committee of the Board of Directors, with the assistance of an executive recruitment firm.

Since March 2009, Ms. Baker has been the acting CEO of the Central LHIN. Prior to that time, she led the Planning, Integration and Community Engagement portfolio as Senior Director, after joining the Central LHIN in July 2007.

Ms. Baker brings more than fifteen years of healthcare planning and leadership experience to her new role from key sectors including hospital, Ministry and long-term care. In addition to clinical training as a respiratory therapist and an undergraduate degree in administrative studies, she holds a Master of Health Science in Health Administration from the University of Toronto.

Ms. Baker also previously served on the Board of the Central Community Care Access Centre. She is an active member of the Canadian College of Health Service Executives as a Certified Health Executive.

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The Central LHIN Board is pleased that Kim has accepted the role of Chief Executive Officer. In her time with Central LHIN, both as Senior Director and as Acting CEO, she has demonstrated strong and collaborative leadership qualities as well as a commitment to health care system integration and transformation.

These qualities, along with her experience in the Planning, Integration and Community Engagement portfolio, align well with the LHIN commitment to transformation through engagement, and the need within the CEO role to build relationships and foster stronger linkages amongst our health service providers. We are confident Kim will continue to excel in this challenging position.

– Ken Morrison, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Central LHIN

I am pleased to have the opportunity to continue to work in partnership with our health service providers, my colleagues in the other LHINs, and the Ministry to achieve a more integrated and sustainable health care system .

I also want to acknowledge the talented and dedicated staff here at Central LHIN. I have appreciated their support, along with that of our Board of Directors, during my tenure as Acting CEO, and I look forward to building on our successes.

– Kim Baker, CEO, Central LHIN

QUICK FACTS

- Central LHIN is one of 14 Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) established by the government of Ontario to plan, coordinate, integrate and fund health services at the local level.
- More than 110 health service providers fall under our LHIN's mandate, including: hospitals, long-term care homes, mental health and addictions agencies, community support services, Community Health Centres, and the Central Community Care Access Centre.
- Through our Integrated Health Services Plan (IHSP), which sets out our three-year vision, strategic directions and priorities, Central LHIN is dedicated to improving the accessibility, coordination, quality, and efficiency of our health care system.

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