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MEMORANDUM TO: Ministry of Health and Long Term Care,
Ontario Health Association Partners

FROM: Valerie Bishop-de-Young
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**SUBJECT: Appointment of Susan Thorning
as Acting CEO, OCSA**

On behalf of OCSA's Board of Directors, I am pleased to announce that Susan Thorning, currently OCSA's Chief of Operations, has been appointed Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Association effective immediately.

Susan has contributed greatly to OCSA over the 13 years that she has been with us and the Board looks forward to working with her in the upcoming months as the health care system is transformed and the LHIN system develops.

Next week, Susan will issue an update on the activities she and the staff have been engaged in over the past couple of months and what plans are in the works to advocate on your behalf provincially and support you at the local level. We truly believe that the success of the LHINs will depend on an effective and coordinated home and community care sector and we will continue to press for better funding and recognition of our sector.

Please join me in congratulating Susan on her appointment and wishing her the best in meeting the challenges and taking hold of opportunities for OCSA during the health care system's transformation over the next number of months.

Valerie Bishop-de-Young