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**Interim President & CEO announced for Halton Healthcare Services**

Judy Wilson, Chair of the Halton Healthcare Services Board of Directors, today announced that Denise Hardenne, HHS' Executive Vice-President, has been appointed Interim President & CEO effective March 31, 2014. Denise will be replacing John Oliver, HHS President & CEO, who is retiring on April 30, 2104.

"Denise will work closely with John during the month of April to transition into this interim role," said Judy Wilson, HHS Board Chair. "This appointment will provide continuity and stability within the organization while the Board concludes their search process."

The Halton Healthcare Services Board of Directors is currently conducting a search for a new President & CEO to replace Mr. Oliver. The Board has appointed a Search Committee and retained Promeus Inc. to support the search process. During the month of February, representatives from Promeus Inc. met with a number of internal and external stakeholders to identify the skills and competencies that will benefit the next CEO. It is anticipated that an announcement concerning the appointment of a new President & CEO will be made early this summer.

Ms Hardenne is an accomplished executive in the healthcare sector with over 25 years of progressive leadership experience. She joined HHS in 2000 as the Vice-President of Professional Practice. In 2007 she was promoted to Senior Vice President. She currently holds the title of Executive Vice President for HHS and provides leadership for hospital operations, quality and enterprise risk management. In this capacity she is also the Executive lead for Operational Readiness planning across all three HHS Redevelopment projects.

"I am honoured that the Board has invited me to assume this interim role and look forward to working with them and my colleagues on the senior team to ensure the organization continues to move forward with the capital projects and the provision of quality patient care services to our communities," said Ms Hardenne.

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**HHS Interim President & CEO**

Denise is an alumnus of the University of Saskatchewan graduating with BScN and MCED degrees. She has a Wharton School of Business Fellowship in Management for Chief Nurse Executives and has completed the Rotman Not-for-Profit Governance Essentials Program. She also has an MBA degree from Queen's University.

Denise has been a designated Health System surveyor with Accreditation Canada for the past 15 years and has served as an external expert consultant for the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and other healthcare organizations to assist with the completion of operational efficiency reviews.

"We are very fortunate that Denise has accepted this interim role. She has the complete support of the Board of Directors and the members of the Senior Team and we are confident that she will provide the organization with exceptional leadership during this time of transition," concluded Ms Wilson.

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