

Providence Care announces leadership changes

Kingston, May 15, 2007 – Cathy Dunne, President and Chief Executive Officer of Providence Care today announced her plans to retire in fall 2007. Dunne advised the Board of Directors of her decision in February. “The past 12 years have been exceptionally rich and rewarding and I have been blessed with wonderful people to work with across the organization, but it is time to step down and to enjoy a sabbatical,” Dunne told staff earlier today.

A Registered Nurse and former VON Executive Director and Ministry of Health manager, Cathy Dunne joined Providence Care in 1995 in a senior management role. She assumed the role of President & CEO the next year.

Larry Norman, Chair of the Providence Care Board of Directors, praised Dunne for her leadership of the Kingston-based health care organization over the last 12 years. “Cathy Dunne has successfully led the organization through very challenging times. During this period we brought together four previously freestanding organizations into one; completed the Province’s divestment of the former Kingston Psychiatric Hospital to Providence Care; transferred the programs of our former St. Vincent de Paul Hospital to Brockville General Hospital; and submitted plans to government for the new Providence Care hospital at King West,” said Norman.

“Under Cathy’s guidance Providence Care has become the leading regional provider of non-acute care in southeastern Ontario,” said Norman. “She will truly be missed, but part of her legacy will be the strong leadership team she has established.”

The Providence Care Board also announced today the appointment of Dale Kenney as President and CEO succeeding Cathy Dunne, following a Board-led selection process. Dunne and Kenney will work together over the coming months to ensure a smooth leadership transition.

Kenney is currently Vice-President of Planning for Providence Care and Kingston General Hospital – a position he has held since 1999. In that time Kenney established a Joint Planning Office, which oversees all aspects of planning and facility services for both organizations, as well as emergency planning, life safety and security services at Providence Care, Kingston General and Hotel Dieu Hospitals.

A Certified Management Accountant and Certified Health Executive, Kenney also worked at Hotel Dieu Hospital from 1982 to 1999 in a range of senior management roles, including Assistant Executive Director.

“We are committed to developing the talent within our organization so we are pleased we have been able to recruit a strong successor from within,” said Providence Care Board Chair Larry Norman. “This not only demonstrates our commitment, it allows us to retain a focus on our core values, which is essential to our ability to carry on our mission. Dale Kenney’s knowledge of our regional health care system and his experience in financial management, strategic planning and hospital redevelopment are strong assets that will serve us well in today’s environment.”

Providence Care is the leading provider of specialized care for some of the most vulnerable patients in Southeastern Ontario – the frail elderly, people coping with chronic illness, stroke survivors and those living with mental illness. One of Kingston’s university hospitals, Providence has three main sites in Kingston: Mental Health Services, St. Mary’s of the Lake Hospital and Providence Manor and over 15 community locations. Affiliated with Queen’s University, Providence Care is a major centre for teaching and research.

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