



HOSPITAL APPOINTS NEW CEO

(Geraldton, Ontario – October 30, 2015) Jamie McPherson, chair of the Geraldton District Hospital (GDH) board of directors announced that Lucy Bonanno will be the hospital's new chief executive officer effective Monday, November 23, 2015.

Ms. Bonanno comes to Geraldton most recently from Hotel Dieu Hospital in Kingston where she served as the organization's senior director of patient care. She was responsible for overseeing Hotel Dieu's 500,000 clinic visits per year with a staff of 500 and an overall budget within her portfolio of \$32 million. Prior to that, she was the executive director of the Summerville Academic Family Health Team in Mississauga, a multi-site primary care organization. She reported to a board of directors and was responsible for the operations of five clinic sites featuring 50,000 rostered patients, 35 physicians and 125 staff. She has held other management roles in Sault Ste. Marie and Scarborough.



Ms. Bonanno started her career as a registered respiratory therapist and has two Master's degrees (Leadership (2009) and Executive Management (2012)). She is also a graduate of the Advanced Health Leadership Program at the Rotman School of Management at the University of Toronto and possesses certification with Canadian College of Health Leaders and the Canadian Society of Association Executives.

"The Board of Directors is truly fortunate to have been able to recruit someone with Lucy's background and experience," said Mr. McPherson. "Our hospital and community will certainly benefit from her knowledge of and familiarity with community health systems as we move towards creating a local health hub in collaboration with our many important community partners."

"I am so happy to be here," said Ms. Bonanno. "I was looking for a leadership opportunity in Northern Ontario and the Geraldton District Hospital role was an ideal fit for me personally and professionally," she added. "I look forward to meeting the staff and the GDH's key partners in the Municipality of Greenstone, the District of Thunder Bay and throughout the North West Local Health Integration Network."

The Geraldton District Hospital is a fully accredited, progressive health care organization committed to providing high quality services to residents of Greenstone (Beardmore, Caramat, Geraldton, Longlac, Nakina) and surrounding First Nations communities.

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