

News Release

Change in Leadership at the North West LHIN

Thunder Bay, April 19, 2018 - Gil Labine, Chair of the North West Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) announced today the appointment of the new CEO for the North West LHIN, Dr. Rhonda Crocker Ellacott.

“The Board of Directors wishes to acknowledge the high caliber of skills and abilities that Rhonda brings to this prestigious position with the North West LHIN; her leadership experience and her passion for quality health care in Northwestern Ontario will be an asset for the LHIN. She brings a strong work ethic and demonstrated ability to mobilize teams toward a common goal. We look forward to the results, that she and her Executive Team will bring for the continued success of the LHIN”, stated Labine.

A strategic and visionary Senior Health Care Executive, Dr. Rhonda Crocker Ellacott is known as a collaborative, patient and family centred, innovative, results oriented leader. She is a committed individual, passionate about patients and families at the centre of care,



Dr. Rhonda Crocker Ellacott

energized by new challenges and opportunities to improve quality care, and driven to support teams to accomplish results.

Dr. Crocker Ellacott has a Baccalaureate in Nursing, Masters Clinical Nurse Specialist Degree in Nursing, and Doctorate in Human Services Administration (Health Care Administration). Her previous position was the Executive Vice President, Patient Services & Chief Nursing Executive of Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre and Chief Executive Officer, Nipigon District Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Rhonda Crocker Ellacott has over 25 years of experience in the health care field. From her previous roles as Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer and as a Chief Nursing

Executive, she brings to the LHIN CEO position knowledge and experience related to Emergency, Critical Care and Trauma Programs; Surgical and Ambulatory Care Services; Women and Children's Programs; Diagnostic Service; Patient and Family Centred Care; and Nursing and Professional Practice.

"The Board of Directors is very excited about the future possibilities and opportunities that Rhonda will bring to the LHIN operations and the health care system in Northwestern Ontario through her leadership," said Labine.

"The Board would also like to thank and acknowledge the excellent work that Laura Kokocinski provided to the LHIN during her eleven year tenure with the LHIN and we wish her much enjoyment and success in her retirement," said Labine.

QUICK FACTS

- Currently, the Board of Directors is comprised of: Gil Labine, Cathy Farrell, Tina Copenace, Darryl Allan, Tim Berube, Carol Neff, Beatrice Metzler, Dorothy Piccinin, Cindy Jarvela and Francois Hastir.
- The role of the LHIN Board of Directors is to oversee, advise on and govern the strategic direction and priorities of the LHIN.

The North West LHIN is responsible for planning, funding and integrating local health services as well as delivering home and community care services across Northwestern Ontario from White

River in the east, to the Manitoba border in the west, to the United States border in the south, and to Hudson Bay in the North. The North West LHIN is responsible for:

- Accountability agreements with hospitals, long-term care homes, community health centres, mental health and addictions agencies, and other community support services and home and community care providers.
- The allocation of more than \$675 million of health care services delivered in Northwestern Ontario.

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