

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **LLGAMH Announces New Chief Executive Officer**

Patricia Kyle will join the Lanark, Leeds and Grenville Addictions and Mental Health (LLGAMH) team as the new Chief Executive Officer on October 13th. Patricia is known as an engaging healthcare leader with an ability to build meaningful relationships. She thrives upon innovation.

"Patricia was chosen following an open competition, several panel interviews, and a process overseen and supported by a professional recruitment firm. The new LLGAMH Board of Directors also played an integral role in the selection process," noted LLGAMH Supervisor Eric Hanna. "As LLGAMH continues to expand and evolve, we were looking for a new leader with a passion for developing and fostering an engaged, client-focused workplace; as well as someone with knowledge of trends and best practices in addictions and mental health."

Patricia's formal training includes a Master of Science degree, specializing in linking theory and practice in quality improvement, risk reduction, and promotion of safety in healthcare environments within health systems. In addition, she has completed numerous professional development courses in leadership, governance, and clinical program development.

Her experience has been gained in management positions in various health care settings including mental health and addictions counsellor, abuse recovery counsellor, clinical supervisor, and management positions including chief executive officer. Most recently, Patricia was the Assistant Deputy Minister, Families and Communities with the Government of the Northwest Territories. She led the development and implementation of a new mental health and addictions strategic framework.

"I am very excited to be joining LLGAMH," said Patricia Kyle. "I have a passion for collaborative mental health and addictions care, which is grounded in our organizational values. I look forward to working with staff, the Board, and the communities we serve."

"We are excited to have Patricia on board and we would like to thank Eric Hanna for his work over the past several months," added Roger Haley, incoming Board Chair. "Eric has done an excellent job stabilizing the organization and putting the right processes in place. We are grateful for his expertise and leadership. He has set the Board and our new CEO up for success."

LLGAMH supports clients throughout Lanark, Leeds and Grenville – from Brockville to Almonte to Delta to Lombardy to Seeley's Bay. Its programs and services range from counselling services, to group programs, to treatment homes. Central Intake provides a single point of access and clients may self-refer for most services. Support is also provided to family members and caregivers.

For more details about LLGAMH, please visit www.llgamh.ca.



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