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TO: Ontario Health Stakeholder Partners

FROM: Bill Hatanaka, Ontario Health Board Chair

As a valued partner, I am very pleased to share with you that the Board of Directors of Ontario Health has appointed Matthew Anderson as Ontario Health's President and CEO effective February 1, 2020.

Since 2016 Matthew has been serving as the President and CEO of Lakeridge Health, the health system and hospital network that serves Durham Region, Ontario. He has been working in health care since 1992 and rose quickly to leadership positions. He became Chief Information Officer of University Health Network (UHN) in 1998, became a Vice President at UHN in 2000, and in 2004 was named one of Canada's Top 40 under 40 by the Globe and Mail. In 2008, Matthew was named CEO of the Toronto Central Local Health Integration Network and in 2010, became CEO of William Osler Health System.

Throughout his career, he has worked extensively with stakeholders across Ontario's health system, finding opportunities, forging relationships and building strong partnerships to advance integrated and patient-centred models of care and most importantly, provide better quality care to Ontarians.

We are delighted that Matthew is joining the team at Ontario Health as its President and CEO. He has extensive team-building, system change and health care experience, including immersion in hospital and community networks. He is highly focused on the needs of patients and caregivers and brings a wide range of experiences to draw on as he leads the transformation of Ontario's health system.

Much work has been done in preparation for today's announcement which included a rigorous, national search and extensive consultations with many stakeholders across all health sectors to assist in identifying the right candidates for this role. We are delighted to have Matthew join our team and are eager to work with him.

Currently, Ontario Health comprises highly-skilled staff from 19 health care agencies from across Ontario who are bringing their combined knowledge, strengths and experiences into one integrated organization, collectively applying the best of what they do – through one strategy and one set of priorities - to actively support those on the frontlines and to benefit all Ontarians.

Under Matthew's leadership, the team at Ontario Health will:

- Support and help achieve the government's goal of ending hallway health care
- Improve the quality of Ontario's health care by measuring it, creating evidence-based standards for what quality care looks like, and holding health care providers and organizations accountable for making improvements
- Meet the health care needs of local communities through digital health and virtual care platforms, quality improvement initiatives as well as workforce planning and support
- Apply key learnings from Ontario's world-class cancer system to address other areas of need – such as mental health and addictions and other chronic conditions
- Leverage digital systems in order to drive efforts to modernize the current health care system
- Pace change and achieve transformation while protecting front-line care
- And engage with professional stakeholders, patients, families, other caregivers, Indigenous, Francophone and other communities and partners to ensure Ontario Health's insights are rich, its relationships are strong, and the opportunities forged together are beneficial to all Ontarians

We look forward to Matthew joining our team and extend our gratitude to our Interim CEO, Susan Fitzpatrick, for her hard work and leadership these past 8 months. We thank her for her tremendous contribution in helping us with Ontario Health in its early days and are very pleased that she will be with us in the immediate future to assist with Matthew's orientation and to continue significant work in helping us establish Ontario Health.

Please join me in welcoming Matthew to Ontario Health. We look forward to working in partnership with your organization in creating a patient-centred, modern and connected health care system that delivers high-quality health care services to Ontarians where and when they need them with the respect and dignity they deserve.

Sincerely,

Bill Hatanaka

Chair of the Board of Directors, Ontario Health