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## Announcement

### **Provincial Appointments to the Central LHIN Board of Directors**

*Central Local Health Integration Network Welcomes Two New Board Members*

**Markham (May 26, 2017)** – Warren Jestin, Board Chair of the Central Local Health Integration Network (LHIN), is pleased to announce that Heather Martin and Charles Schade have been appointed to the Central LHIN Board of Directors.

Ms. Martin and Mr. Schade were both appointed by Order in Council Appointment by the Government of Ontario to serve a three year term – 2017 to 2020 – on the Central LHIN Board of Directors.

“We are pleased to welcome Heather and Charles to our Board’s strategic planning and decision-making,” said Mr. Jestin. “In providing governance for the Central LHIN, our focus is on understanding patient priorities in local planning decisions and overseeing a system that is accountable, accessible, integrated, equitable and easy to navigate right across the health care continuum.”

#### **Ms. Heather Martin (Thornhill)**

Ms. Martin, a long-time resident of York Region, has extensive experience in the health and community services sector. She holds a Masters in Social Work from the University of Toronto and a Bachelor of Sciences from the University of Guelph. She brings over 25 years of experience in developing policies and programs for youth and family health and social services, including mental health services and the establishment of clinical practice standards. Ms. Martin is currently a part-time faculty member in Justice Studies at the Guelph-Humber University. Previously, she has served on Boards for the Children’s Treatment Network of Simcoe York, Family Services Canada and Mackenzie Health.

#### **Mr. Charles William Schade (Toronto)**

Mr. Schade has valuable governance experience in the home and community care sector, having previously served on the Central Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) Board of Directors. Mr. Schade chaired the Central CCAC’s Patient Services and Quality Committee and also served on their Board’s Governance and HR Committee. A retired executive in consumer research and services, Mr. Schade has over 30 years of experience in client services, human

resources, marketing-communications and risk management. He earned his Bachelor of Business in London, England. He resides in the City of Toronto.

“As we welcome Heather and Charles, we also extend gratitude to two outgoing Board Members who have completed six years of public service over two terms with the Central LHIN Board,” added Mr. Jestin. Mr. Albert Liang of Markham served as the Board’s Vice Chair for the past three years and completed his second term on May 17, 2017. Dr. Uzo Anucha of Richmond Hill will be completing her second term on June 1, 2017.

The Central LHIN Board of Directors now includes: Warren Jestin, Board Chair (Markham), Graham Constantine (Aurora), Tanya Goldberg (Toronto), David Lai (Richmond Hill), Michael MacEachern (Alliston), Heather Martin (Thornhill), Stephen Quinlan (Sharon), Charles Schade (Toronto), Stephen Smith (Markham), Aldous Young (Gormley) and Audrey Wubbenhorst (Toronto).

The Central LHIN Board of Directors is accountable to oversee, advise on and govern the LHIN’s strategic direction and priorities as outlined in its [2016-2019 Caring Communities, Healthier People Integrated Service Plan](#), including the allocation of \$2 billion in public funds to nearly 100 local Health Service Providers. Effective June 7, the Central LHIN will also be responsible for home and community care services delivery.

The Board reports, through the Chair, to Ontario’s Minister of Health and Long-Term Care.

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**About Central LHIN:**

The Central LHIN, a crown agency of the Government of Ontario, is responsible for planning, coordinating, funding and integrating the local health care system. This includes administering over \$2 billion in funding to nearly 100 local health service providers, including hospitals, long-term care homes, home and community care, community health centres, mental health and addiction service providers, and other community support services. The Central LHIN spans Etobicoke, northern Toronto, York Region and South Simcoe County, and has over 1.8 million residents.

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