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## *JOINT STATEMENT*

January 23, 2020

### **Supervisor appointed for Lanark, Leeds and Grenville Addictions and Mental Health**

On December 20, 2019, the South East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) Board issued a Notice of Intent to appoint a health service provider (HSP) Supervisor for Lanark, Leeds and Grenville Addictions and Mental Health (LLGAMH).

After careful consideration, the South East LHIN Board approved the appointment of Mr. Eric Hanna, President and CEO of Arnprior Regional Health, as HSP Supervisor of LLGAMH, on January 22, 2020.

This appointment, effective immediately, will not disrupt current access or quality of client care. The Supervisor's role will be to work with LLGAMH to support the interest of clients, community partners, regional addictions and mental health agencies, primary care, psychiatry providers and hospitals – all of whom depend on the services provided by LLGAMH

Mr. Hanna will now begin working with members of the LLGAMH Board and leadership team, to develop a sustainable plan to ensure the important services offered by LLGAMH are enhanced and maintained well into the future.

Both the South East LHIN and the Board of LLGAMH are confident that these efforts will also allow the Supervisor and agency an opportunity to fully engage with clients and patients, their families and caregivers, and members of the community, to ensure these strong voices continue as key players assisting in the transformation of LLGAMH.

Input from stakeholders and the broader community who rely on the valuable services offered by LLGAMH, will be instrumental in further building a high-performing organization. It is our belief that with our continued commitment and close collaboration, we will help enhance efficiencies and LLGAMH's ability to continue delivering excellent quality and accessible addictions and mental health services for the residents of Lanark, Leeds and Grenville.

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The appointment of a HSP Supervisor, in accordance with subsection 21.2(1) of the [Local Health System Integration Act \(LHSIA\), 2006](#), follows the appointment of an Investigator in July 2019, which was put in place in order to provide a careful examination of significant concerns regarding the governance and management of LLGAMH.

The South East LHILN Board of Directors understands and continues to support LLGAMH's important work, and will work together to drive improvements in a direction that benefits clients, both now and as we move forward into the future of enhanced addictions and mental health care services and supports.

Sincerely,

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