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***Chatham-Kent Health Alliance Begins Recruitment Process for New Board of Directors***

**Chatham-Kent: December 22, 2017** – Today, Chatham-Kent Health Alliance (CKHA) released details of its recruitment strategy for its new Board of Directors. This is the next step in the move to a new hospital corporation governing both the Chatham and Wallaceburg hospital sites with a single board of directors.

This announcement follows a robust and methodical process that led Rob Devitt, the Ministry appointed Supervisor, to recommend the integration of the Public General Hospital, St. Joseph's Hospital and Sydenham District Hospital into a single corporation, governed by a single, skills-based Board of Directors. A formal integration request was submitted to the Erie St. Clair Local Health Integration Network (ESCLHIN) in November and the public and interested stakeholders had opportunity to provide feedback to the ESCLHIN. At a meeting on December 21, 2017, the ESCLHIN indicated its support for the integration as proposed.

"Now that the Erie St. Clair LHIN's review is complete, we feel that it is time to begin the process for recruiting skills-based board members," said Rob Devitt, "Returning the Alliance to local governance is my top priority now."

In identifying the skills required for the new Board, Rob Devitt said, "the bar will be set high. Hospitals are complex organizations that require skilled Boards drawn from a diverse set of backgrounds to ensure that patient focused high quality care, accountability, and transparency is the prime focus of the organization."

The Supervisor will lead the process for recruitment and selection of the Board with the support of a Nominations and Selection Committee. The same executive search firm that conducted the CEO search and supported Medical Advisory Committee searches will support the Search Committee. The advertisement is posted now on the hospital website, [Askckha.com](http://Askckha.com) and will also be sent to local media outlets over the next few weeks seeking interested and appropriately skilled candidates. The selection process will include community wide advertisements, interviews, and reference checks. This vigorous process will ensure that the best possible candidates are selected for the new Board.

For more information please visit [www.askckha.com](http://www.askckha.com) . All documents are posted under "Governance."

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A teleconference will be held **today** (December 22, 2017) with Rob Devitt and Lori Marshall to answer any questions at **9:30 am** :

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