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Denise Hardenne named president and CEO of Halton Healthcare Services

Denise Hardenne was named president and CEO of Halton Healthcare Services (HHS) today (May 26).

Hardenne, who was appointed interim president and CEO on March 31, succeeds John Oliver, who retired on April 30 after 23 years at the helm.

The official announcement was by Judy Wilson, chair of the HHS board of directors.

"We are extremely pleased with this appointment. The search

committee's decision to recommend Denise was unanimously supported by the board," said Wilson.

Hardenne called her new role a "great honour and privilege."

"We have a great leadership team, dedicated staff and physicians, tremendous support from our volunteer and foundation organizations and exceptional community support," she said.

"Each of our three hospitals play an important role in the communities we serve and HHS is highly regarded as a leader in community healthcare. I am looking forward to successfully completing our three capital projects, leading the continued evolution of HHS and assuring a strong future for this high performing healthcare organization."

Wilson said Hardenne will steer HHS into the future.

"She is an accomplished senior executive in the healthcare sector with a proven track record. In addition to providing continuity and stability within the organization, we are certain that under De-



Denise Hardenne

nise's leadership, we will continue to see HHS excel in the years to come."

Hardenne brings more than 28 years of leadership experience to the job—having joined HHS in 2000 as the vice-president, then senior vice president of professional practice.

Prior to being appointed interim president and CEO, Hardenne was HHS executive vice-president and led hospital operations, quality and enterprise risk management.

In this capacity, she was also the executive

lead for operational readiness planning across all three HHS redevelopment projects.

"Denise has a demonstrated commitment and expertise in identifying and successfully implementing and sustaining operational efficiencies," said Wilson in a press statement. "She has a proven ability to balance the quality and fiscal agenda."

Hardenne is an alumnus of the University of Saskatchewan, graduating with bachelor of science in nursing and master of continuing education degrees.

She has a Wharton School of Business Fellowship in management for chief nurse executives and has completed Rotman's not-for-profit governance essentials program.

Hardenne also has a master of business administration degree from Queen's University and is an academic mentor for masters level students for the University of Toronto Health Services Administration program.

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