



Five Counties Children's Centre Chief Executive Officer to Retire June 2020

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PETERBOROUGH, ON, Tuesday, October 8, 2019 - Today, Diane Pick announced her plans to retire in June 2020, after 14 years as Chief Executive Officer of Five Counties Children's Centre (FCCC). Diane leaves a strong legacy at FCCC and within the children's development and rehabilitation sector in Ontario. A national search for her successor has begun and the process will include consultation with internal and external stakeholders.

"While we will miss Diane and her outstanding commitment to FCCC's clients and families, staff, volunteers and community partners, we wish her the very best in this exciting next chapter for her and her family," said Adam White, Chair, FCCC Board of Directors.

Throughout her tenure, Diane has ensured that children and families remain at the centre of Five Counties' work. As a result of her leadership, FCCC has seen significant transformation and innovation and become known for its commitment to the highest quality service possible. In 2018, FCCC received a three-year accreditation award from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF)—the highest standard an organization can receive. Diane has also worked closely with community partners to implement the vision of Coordinated Service Planning: One Child, One Plan, One Team. Within FCCC, she has fostered an organizational culture of respect and excellence.

"I am privileged to have an incredible career working as part of an amazing team who change kids' lives every day; and with a Board of Directors dedicated to serving kids and families in our communities." said Diane. "I cherish the many memories of clinicians and families celebrating children's achievements."

Over Diane's tenure as CEO, FCCC has expanded the operations at our five locations serving Peterborough, City of Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland and Haliburton Counties. In addition to expanding FCCC's service footprint, the Centre achieved many milestones related to improved service delivery for our clients and families throughout her tenure, including:

- A partnership with Northumberland County that welcomed the Special Needs Resource Consultants to the FCCC team.

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- Provincial recognition for the Full Day Kindergarten Pilots.
- The transfer of the School Based Rehabilitation Services from the Local Health Integration Network to FCCC.

The Executive Committee of the Five Counties Board of Directors will act as the Search Committee for her successor and has retained an external consultant to conduct the national search. The committee is targeting Spring 2020 for the announcement of the next CEO.

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Five Counties Children's Centre is an outpatient treatment centre for children from birth to 19 years of age in Peterborough, Northumberland and Haliburton counties and the City of Kawartha Lakes with physical, developmental and communication needs. Since 1976, Five Counties Children's Centre has been working with children, adolescents and their families, along with the community, to support their participation as active members of the community. In partnership with families and communities we strive to enrich their independence and quality of life

The Centre provides outpatient and community based services including: physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech language therapy, augmentative communication services, recreation, social work, resource teachers, pediatric medical assessments/follow-up, specialized clinics such as palato-facial management, seating, orthopedic, botox and spina bifida clinics.

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