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Carleton Place Hospital hires a new AED of Patient Services



Toni Surko, CPDMH's new AED of Patient Services

The Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH) is pleased to announce the hiring of Toni Surko in the position of Assistant Executive Director (AED) of Patient Services. As AED, Mrs. Surko will be responsible for the portfolio of clinical services in the hospital, which includes Diagnostic Imaging, Dietetics, Infection Control, Laboratory Services, Physiotherapy, Pharmacy, and Speech and Language, as well as being the hospital's Chief Nursing Officer. Mrs. Surko was previously the Manager of the Inpatient Unit and the Discharge Planner at CPDMH before accepting her new position.

"I know my new role in the hospital will have its challenges especially with the restructuring and changes that will be happening with the formation of the Local Health Integration Networks. However I think that this may provide a wonderful opportunity for CPDMH to further develop the programs offered to our patients", stated Toni Surko. "I also hope to work with the organization to further develop the

processes and structure of the hospital and ensure that the best practices are in place as staff do their jobs."

"Toni became an integral part of our organization when she was hired as the Manager of the Inpatient Unit in May of last year and quickly earned the respect and support of everyone throughout the hospital," stated Mike Gagné CEO of CPDMH. "We were thrilled to have her apply for the AED position after the departure of Norine Primeau-Menzies and we were very pleased when she accepted the position. I know she will continue to be an asset to our organization and will do her best to make the services we provide to the community better."

Before coming to CPDMH, Mrs. Surko has spent three years as an administrator at Forest Lakes, a 156-bed long-term care facility in Kanata. She has over 20 years experience in Nursing Administration and Management. In addition to her time as Manager of the Inpatient Unit, Mrs. Surko was also a casual nurse with CPDMH in 2000 and says that was part of the reason she initially applied for the Manager position in 2005.

"I remembered CPDMH as being a warm, community hospital with a competent staff that worked well as a team", stated Mrs. Surko. "After my return last year, I was pleased to see that the work environment remained the same and that the hospital was still focused on providing quality healthcare to the community."

Mrs. Surko assumed her new role on January 9 2006 and one of the first challenges of her job will be to find a new Nurse Manager for the Inpatient Unit.

"While I am excited about the new challenges that will be coming about from this new position I am sad to be leaving the Inpatient Unit and Discharge Planning," continued Mrs. Surko. "I will miss the daily contact with the patients and their families as well as the daily interaction with the staff on the unit. The staff on the inpatient unit are extremely skilled and very focused on patient care. I enjoyed working with them very much."

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