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Dear Community Partner,

RE: Kingston Community Health Centres CEO Announcement

As you may know, our Executive Director Hersh Sehdev will retire at the end of June 2017 after 17 years of dedicated service. The Board of Directors has been busy over the past months recruiting a successor to build on Hersh's impressive accomplishments.

After much consultation with staff and partners and a national search, it is with great pleasure that we announce the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Kingston Community Health Centres (KCHC): **Michael (Mike) Bell**.

Some of you will know Mike as Director of the South East Regional Cancer Program and the Cancer Centre of Southeast Ontario at Kingston General Hospital. Mike has in-depth knowledge of the health care sector, local community and region. He has maintained positive relationships with the South East Local Health Integration Network, Community Care Access Centre and addictions and mental health sector. He has also been a member of provincial committees through the Association of Ontario Health Centres, including the Primary Health Care Expert Advisory Committee for the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

What you may not know is that Mike was Director of Primary Health Care & Quality Improvement at KCHC from 2007 to 2011. He brings a strong understanding of KCHC and the Community Health Centre (CHC) sector in general, including urban and rural CHC contexts. He has also held leadership roles at both Lanark and Rideau Health and Community Services.

Mike holds Master's degrees in Quality Improvement and Patient Safety and Health Policy, and certificates in Health Law and Business Administration.

Mike's first day in his new role will be Monday, June 26, 2017 and he will be formally introduced to the community at our Annual General Meeting on June 27. Mike will work together with Hersh before her retirement on June 30. With Mike's previous experience at KCHC, in the health sector more broadly and in the local community, we anticipate a smooth and successful transition.

We hope you share in our excitement as we warmly welcome Mike Bell as CEO of KCHC. Mike looks forward to continuing to foster strong relationships in our community.

Sincerely,

James Brown, Board President
On behalf of the KCHC Board of Directors