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Carea Community Health Centre Appoints New CEO

Oshawa, ON – April 8, 2019 – Today, Ijade Maxwell Rodrigues, Chair of Carea’s Board of Governors, announced the appointment of Francis Garwe as the next CEO of Carea Community Health Centre, effective today.

“Francis Garwe is a proven leader and will chart a successful course for Carea Community Health Centre as we navigate the modernization of Ontario’s healthcare system.” said Ms Maxwell Rodrigues. “A well-respected administrator, Francis will continue to expand our partnerships in Durham Region and seize the opportunities ahead to ensure that we are providing access to high quality, holistic and integrated care that is responsive to the needs of the community.”

Garwe has served as Carea’s Acting CEO since June 2018 and prior to that as the Director, Clinical Services. A respected administrator with expertise in the health care sector leading strategic clinical expansion and integration, system design of medical interprofessional teams and sustainable partnership builder. Garwe sits on the Board of Governors, Ontario Tech University.

“I am honoured by this opportunity to lead Carea Community Health Centre. As a resident of Durham Region, I am passionate about serving my community and realizing Carea’s vision to become a recognized leader in the provision of an integrated model of community-based health and wellness services.” said Garwe.



Garwe’s appointment concludes a rigorous search process across the province that began in September 2018. The search for a new CEO was conducted by a five-member committee comprised of representatives from Carea’s Board of Directors. The search process included extensive consultations across the Carea CHC community, including staff, clients and community stakeholders and partners.

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[Carea Community Health Centre](#) provides high quality, holistic, inclusive support and integrated services that empower clients to improve their health and wellbeing. As a registered charitable organization, it strives to be accessible to those in the community who face barriers to health care due to gender, race, physical abilities, geographic isolation, homelessness, and poverty. Carea operates in Ajax, Pickering, Whitby and Oshawa providing a variety of free, community programs and services. These include: primary care, counselling and mental health; diabetes education; Hepatitis C screening, treatment support, health promotion and wellness programs; education and outreach; geriatric assessment & intervention; young parent support, youth programs, Aboriginal programs and community development programs.

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