



# News Release

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## **NOR-MAN Regional Health Authority Board of Directors Appoints Helga Bryant as New CEO**

*Strong Leadership Ability, Commitment to Community Engagement and Superior  
Communication Skills Lauded as Key Attributes*

The NOR-MAN Regional Health Authority has announced the appointment of a permanent Chief Executive Officer following a nation-wide search that yielded a made-in-Manitoba result. Ms. Helga Bryant has been appointed to the position by the RHA's Board of Directors following a special meeting on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>.

"I am pleased to announce that Ms. Bryant has been appointed to continue the excellent work she has begun as our Interim CEO," Board Chairperson Doug Lauvstad said. "Ms. Bryant enjoys the full confidence of our Board of Directors and we believe she will move our organization forward in achieving both our Vision and Mission."

Ms. Bryant's strong track record includes more than 15 years of senior leadership responsibilities within healthcare in Manitoba. Recently she served as Executive Director of the regulatory body for Manitoba's 13,000+ registered nurses, as Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer of Health Sciences Centre (HSC), and as Vice President of Acute Care & Diagnostic Services for the Brandon Regional Health Authority. In those roles she created innovative leadership models; coauthored the Thomas Report following the Pediatric Cardiac Surgery Inquest; pioneered regionalization in a non-urban Region in the province and achieved significant successes in a policy-governance mode.

"Our region has embarked on an initiative we call Journey Forward which will see full implementation of Manitoba's Health's 2011 Operational Review and help us deliver on the promise of our Mission: working together to improve health," Bryant said. "Our staff lives and works in the North and shares our overall goal of healthy people in healthy communities. I am honoured to lead and support them in those efforts."

Bryant's personal philosophy of caring has been incorporated into a leadership style that acknowledges that individuals and issues are unique and thus worthy of care and consideration. Collegiality and collaborative practice have consistently been hallmarks of that philosophy.

Bryant had been appointed as interim CEO last May and her presence as a leader has already been felt within the organization and among key stakeholders within the region. Lauvstad noted that Bryant's appointment is effective immediately and marks an important milestone for the RHA and its citizens.

"Those who have encountered Ms. Bryant recognize her genuine approach as well as her open and caring style," he concluded. "The Board is confident the people of our communities will be the ultimate beneficiary of Helga's leadership as our RHA's CEO."

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