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Minister of Health and Long-Term Care's intent to appoint supervisor to the BCHS

Brantford, ON (July 26, 2017) – The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) announced yesterday the province's intent to appoint a hospital supervisor to the Brant Community Healthcare System (BCHS).

If this recommendation is accepted by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, the hospital supervisor would work BCHS and the government to support robust governance and leadership at the facility and help ensure sustainable and appropriate oversight of patient care and financial management at the organization.

This recommendation comes after the review of a report submitted by Dr. Tim Rutledge, who was assigned as an investigator to the BCHS in February 2017. Dr. Rutledge was appointed to examine and report on issues related to the governance and management at BCHS.

The BCHS welcomed Dr. Rutledge and his team's expertise in developing the recommendations in the report. We would like to thank Dr. Rutledge and his team for their commitment with this investigation.

The BCHS acknowledges the efforts that will go into understanding the report and will collaborate with the MOHLTC and the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) to support the supervisor as we all work towards the best health system for our community.

The BCHS is committed to providing exceptional care and safety for our patients. While leadership at BCHS is reviewing and analyzing the investigator's report, the hospital will continue to provide all services and continue to serve the needs of our community.

The BCHS Foundation is a separate legal entity and is operated at arm's length from the BCHS. The Foundation has its own independent Board of Directors and audited financial statements, and as such the BCHS Foundation was not included in this report.

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About The Brant Community Healthcare System

The Brant Community Healthcare System is a fully accredited, award-winning health-care organization, and an affiliated teaching site of the McMaster University Michael G. DeGroot School of Medicine. Brantford General is a regional acute care health centre and the Willett, Paris is an ambulatory centre providing urgent care.