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Halton Healthcare Names Chief Operating Officer for Georgetown Hospital

Halton Healthcare has announced the appointment of Monica Bettazzoni as the Chief Operating Officer of Georgetown Hospital and Director for the Georgetown Hospital Family Practice Program, effective June 13, 2022.

Monica has been with Halton Healthcare for over 10 years, in the role of Program Director, Mental Health, Central Intake and Self-Management Programs. In this role across Halton Healthcare, and regionally, Monica led and expanded the comprehensive inpatient and outpatient mental health services within the communities of Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville and has been instrumental in ensuring patient access to appropriate levels of support, care and programming.

"I am looking forward to my new role at Georgetown Hospital and to engaging with the residents and businesses in the Halton Hills area," said Ms. Bettazzoni. "Part of my mandate will be to support the planning that is underway to replace the current hospital and ensure that we have a facility that will meet the healthcare needs of the growing communities of Halton Hills. WE have learned so much throughout the pandemic that we can incorporate into our future plans to see that we are prepared to respond to emerging issues, including infectious diseases, such as COVID-19. We will continue to engage with the community as we proceed through the Ministry of Health's planning process.

Monica has provided exceptional leadership on several key projects and initiatives including the Mental Health Program expansion, the move to the new Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital (OTMH), the integration of the North Halton Mental Health Clinics from Halton Region to Halton Healthcare. She was Co-Chair of the Mental Health and Addictions work stream for the Connected Care Halton Ontario Health Team and has provided strong leadership for the Emergency Program at OTMH for a year during the recruitment process for the permanent leader.

During the course of the pandemic, Monica has been a valued member of the COVID-19 Emergency Operations Centre providing leadership and support to a number of organizational initiatives including family presence guidelines and traversing the complexity of ramping up and down ambulatory services in response to the various waves of the pandemic waves.

"The staff, physicians and volunteers at Georgetown Hospital have done a tremendous job in supporting the community throughout the pandemic," says Bettazzoni. "I am honoured to be joining this experienced and caring team."

Monica holds a Bachelor of Medical Rehabilitation, Occupational Therapy from the University of Manitoba as well as a Master of Education and Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Toronto.

"Monica is a humble and thoughtful leader who has well-established internal and external relationships and will be a valuable addition to Georgetown Hospital and the Halton Healthcare Senior Leadership Team," said Denise Hardenne, President & CEO, Halton Healthcare.

"Monica has proven herself as a vital part of the greater Halton Healthcare team and already knows this community very well," says Dr. Craig Carson, Associate Chief of Staff, GH. "She has a great perspective on the broader system and our community members and teams will benefit from her experience as we work to offer more services for our growing community. Welcome to the Georgetown Hospital team, Monica," continues Dr. Carson.

Ms. Bettazzoni replaces Cindy McDonell who held the role of GH COO since the transfer of GH to Halton Healthcare from William Osler Health Centre in 2006. Mrs. McDonell transitioned into the role of SVP Clinical Operations at Halton Healthcare in 2021.

"We are very excited about the expertise and sense of professionalism Monica brings to this role," concludes Ms. Hardenne. "Her energy and patient-focused approach is very inspiring."

For more information on Monica, please see an <u>Introductory Q&A</u> on our website or visit <u>www.HaltonHealthcare.com</u>.

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