

*Sending on behalf of Neil Johnson, Regional Vice President, South West Regional Cancer Program and Donna Ladouceur, Vice President, Home and Community Care, South West LHIN*

## Announcement: South West Hospice Palliative Care Network Lead

We are pleased to announce that **Nicole Steward** has been selected as the Hospice Palliative Care Network Lead for the South West LHIN.

Nicole recently relocated to the South West Region from Burlington Ontario, where she worked at the Mississauga Halton LHIN as a Project Manager. During her time there she supported large change initiatives such as the Care Coordination Program of Work (CCPW), which received a 2017 OACCAC Sector Innovation Award and landed on the 2017 Minister's Medal Honour Roll.

Previous to her role at the LHIN, Nicole worked jointly with Hamilton Health Sciences, McMaster Family Health Team and the Hamilton Family Health Team on a pilot project called MedREACH, which provided outreach services and rapid access to specialist care and diagnostic testing for medically complex patients. The work was published in the journal of Chronic Illness in 2016. Prior to her work on MedREACH, Nicole was the Palliative Care Network Coordinator for Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant (HNHB) Region, where she supported the submission of the 2014 Hospice Palliative Care Regional Program proposal to the HNHB LHIN.

Nicole began her career in health care at the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care 18 years ago, where she held several positions including; Program Consultant for the Monitoring, Standards and Evaluation Unit, and Regional Manager for the Laboratories Branch. Nicole holds a Master's degree in Sociology, with a focus on program planning and evaluation.

Please join us in congratulating and welcoming Nicole to her new position.

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## Announcement: South West Regional Palliative Clinical Co-Lead (Non-Physician)

We are pleased to announce that **Patrice Kean** has been selected as the Regional Palliative Clinical Co-Lead for the South West LHIN.

Patrice is a CAPCE trained Registered Nurse, most recently working as the Care and Service Manager at VON Oxford Sakura House Residential Hospice. During this time she has developed strong partnerships through her active memberships with the VON Oxford Community Corporation, Oxford Palliative Care Collaborative team, the South West Residential Hospice team and Oxford Healthlinks.

Patrice has spent her 20 year career building experience in a variety of healthcare sectors including hospital, community and public health. She has held various roles such as Program Manager, Patient Access Facilitator, as well as, a secondment as the Corporate Director of Planning at a large community hospital. She is also a Regional Champion for Health Care Consent (HCC) and Advanced Care Planning (ACP) for the South West LHIN.

Patrice attended Western University for her BScN and is a current faculty member within that nursing program. She holds a Master's degree in Health Studies with a focus on Leadership.

Please join us in congratulating and welcoming Patrice to her new position.