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**Hospital Chair Appointed to LHIN Board,
Resigns Northumberland Hills Post**

Northumberland Hills Hospital will say goodbye to Eva Nichols, Board Chair for the past one and a half years, and Board member since 1999. Ms. Nichols has been appointed to the new and diverse Board of Directors of the Central East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN), Region 9.

The Central East LHIN, also known as Region 9, includes all of Durham Region, Kawartha Lakes, the Haliburton Highlands, Northumberland County, and Peterborough County. Central East also contains part of the eastern City of Toronto (east of Warden, south of Steeles).

Ms. Nichols will join eight other individuals on the Board, all selected from within the boundaries of the Central East LHIN. Together they will work to develop and deliver a new way of managing healthcare services throughout Ontario.

LHINs are not-for-profit corporations that will be responsible for planning, integrating and funding local health services. The purpose of the LHIN is to be the manager for health services that are delivered in hospitals, long-term care facilities, community health centres, community support services and mental health agencies. The Board of Directors for each LHIN will oversee and guide the management of each of the corporations.

Ms. Nichols is a retired principal and teacher who resides in Hamilton Township. She was the principal of Clarke High School in Orono, the founder of the adult school (The Centre for Individual Studies), course director of York University's Faculty of Education, President of the Continuing Education School Board Administrators for Ontario, and the President of the Ontario Co-operative Education Association. Ms. Nichols has also served as a board member for the Northumberland United Way, the Art Gallery of Northumberland, the Cobourg District Senior Services, the Police Services Committee for Hamilton Township, and the Canadian Federation of University Women (Northumberland Branch).

"We will miss Eva here," says Joan Ross, NHH president and CEO. "She has always been a strong leader and brought a great deal of enthusiasm and logic to the table. But we know that her knowledge of Northumberland and the healthcare needs of this community will help area residents as she takes on her new role within the Central East LHIN. We truly wish her all the best in her new endeavours."

Ms. Nichols' resignation from the NHH Board is effective immediately. Vice-chair Nick Hathway will take over the position in the interim until the Board can elect a permanent Chair.

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