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Interim President and CEO named for NHH

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Thursday, April 4th, 2013 – Doug Mann, Chair of Northumberland Hills Hospital's Board of Directors, announced at this evening's monthly Board meeting that Helen Brenner, presently Vice President of Patient Services and Chief Nursing Executive (CNE), has accepted the Board's offer of the position of Interim President and CEO, effective April 15th, 2013. President and CEO Robert Biron, who announced in February that he would be leaving NHH to take on the position of President and CEO at The Scarborough Hospital, will be winding down his duties at NHH in the coming weeks.

"Helen was recruited to NHH in January, 2009," said Doug Mann. "In her capacity as VP, Patient Services and CNE, the Board has witnessed her leadership in many successful initiatives here at NHH, including the Alternate Level of Care (ALC) strategy, the launch of the NHH Restorative Care Program and, more recently, our hospital's participation in a very innovative project with The Change Foundation, Northumberland PATH. Please join me in congratulating Helen on this opportunity".

A CEO Selection Committee has been struck by the Board, and a search for a permanent replacement has been launched with the help of an executive search firm.

"We are confident that Helen Brenner will be an excellent steward to oversee NHH operations until such time that a permanent replacement is recruited. We thank her for accepting this important responsibility."

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About Northumberland Hills Hospital – Located approximately 100 kilometres east of Toronto, Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) delivers a broad range of acute, post-acute, outpatient and diagnostic services. Acute services include emergency and intensive care, medical/surgical care, and obstetrical care. Post-acute specialty services (PASS) include restorative care, rehabilitation and palliative care. Mental health care, chemotherapy, dialysis and 16 other ambulatory care clinics are offered on an outpatient basis through partnerships with regional centres and nearby specialists. NHH offers a full range of diagnostic services, including magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), computed tomography (CT) and mammography. The hospital serves the catchment area of west Northumberland County. A mixed urban and rural population of approximately 60,000 residents, west Northumberland comprises the Town of Cobourg, the Municipality of Port Hope and the townships of Hamilton, Cramahe and Alnwick/Haldimand. NHH employs approximately 600 people and relies on the additional support provided by physicians and volunteers. NHH is an active member of the Central East Local Health Integration Network. For more information, please visit www.nhh.ca.