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## ESHC BOARD APPOINTS NEW CHIEF OF STAFF

February 4, 2022

ESSEX COUNTY - The Erie Shores HealthCare (ESHC) Board of Directors is pleased to announce that long-time ESHC physician Dr. Luther Heys has been appointed the hospital's new Chief of Staff. Dr. Heys assumes the role from Dr. Ross Moncur who is retiring from the role effective February 7, 2022.

"We are very pleased to welcome Dr. Heys into this important role," said Kris Taylor, ESHC Board Chair. "As the Chief Medical Information Officer (CMIO) and a practicing physician at ESHC, the Erie Shores Family Health Team, and an area long-term care home, Dr. Heys has a strong understanding of our role as a community hospital."

As Chief of Staff, Dr. Heys will provide medical leadership to the hospital's clinical programs. He will also provide administrative oversight, ensuring physicians and physician learners are appropriately credentialed and in step with the necessary professional standards of practice and that quality medical services are managed effectively, consistent with ESHC's strategic plan.

"This is a critical role at the Hospital," said ESHC President and CEO Kristin Kennedy. "Beyond COVID-19, we have an ambitious plan to continuously improve the health care experience for the people and communities we serve as well as to build on our staff engagement, retention and recruitment. I look forward to working with Dr. Heys in this new role."

Dr. Heys, a General Practitioner Anesthetist at ESHC for over 15-years, trained and practiced in South Africa before moving to Canada. He has also worked in High Prairie and Vermillion, Alberta.

Most recently, in his role as CMIO, Dr. Heys was a crucial part of implementing ESHC's electronic hospital information system, Cerner Millennium.



“I am excited to be part of the team at ESHC and build on the work done by my predecessor, Dr. Moncur,” said Dr. Heys. “Significant strides have been made under Dr. Moncur’s leadership over the last few years regarding the safety and quality of patient care. My vision is to build on this foundation and enhance the impact of Erie Shores both locally and regionally.”

Dr. Heys will maintain his family practice at the Kingsville location of the Erie Shores Family Health Team and will continue to be part of the physician group at Chartwell Royal Oak long-term care home. Dr. Heys will also remain a member of the Department of Anesthesia at ESHC.

#### **ABOUT ERIE SHORES HEALTHCARE**

Erie Shores HealthCare, located in Leamington, Ontario, cares for the residents of Essex County. With over 500 staff, Professional Staff and volunteers, Erie Shores provides an array of specialized acute, complex continuing care, allied and ambulatory care services. For more information about Erie Shores HealthCare, visit [www.erieshoreshealthcare.ca](http://www.erieshoreshealthcare.ca) or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and Twitter.

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