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## Memorandum

Date August 14, 2008  
Re Communiqué to CHAC Membership  
From Dianne Doyle, Chair, Catholic Health Association of Canada (CHAC)

On behalf of the CHAC Board I am regretfully announcing the departure of Gerard Lewis as CHAC CEO. With multiple changes impacting Catholic Health Care across the country, structural changes which may further impact CHAC revenues, and the conclusion of our current strategic planning cycle; it was mutually agreed to bring Gerard's role as CEO of CHAC to an end.

Gerard assumed the CEO role in June 2005. In his three years with the CHAC, Gerard successfully realized all elements of the Board's 2005-2008 strategic plan. The Board is appreciative of the emphasis Gerard placed on building relations within the Catholic Health community at large. By way of example, Gerard has passionately demonstrated his commitment to the Catholic Healthcare Leadership Development Project currently underway to publish a leadership guide and recommend a new infrastructure to develop Catholic healthcare leaders.

Gerard introduced valuable concepts inside the CHAC such as enhancing networking among members through the Communities of Practice initiative and building solidarity between the CHAC Board and its constituents by holding Board meetings across Canada in member facilities. He worked closely with the Board to consolidate the association's investment portfolios in the hands of a single fund manager, was instrumental in rewriting CHAC's Bylaw, and has supported the new Governance Committee in planning this year's strategic planning process.

In his time with CHAC Gerard brought a vision and renewed energy to the CHAC. On behalf of the membership we wish Gerard well in his future endeavours. At the September board meeting the CHAC Board will develop a plan for CEO replacement.

In the interim James Roche has agreed to take on the CEO responsibilities in addition to his current role. The Board extends our thanks in advance to the CHAC staff, James, Joan Lawrence and Sylvie Deliencourt for their commitment to CHAC priorities during this transition.

If you have any inquiries, please feel free to contact me ([ddoyle@providencehealth.bc.ca](mailto:didoyle@providencehealth.bc.ca) or 604-806-8020)

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