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Bold new leadership for one of London's most important health and social agencies

Health Centre announces new executive director

LONDON, ON - Friday, April 1, 2016 - The Board of Directors of the London Intercommunity Health Centre is pleased to announce the appointment of Scott Courtice as the agency's new Executive Director. With an extensive background in executive leadership in the nonprofit and public sectors, Courtice specializes in corporate governance, government relations and strategic planning, and, says Board Chair Steve Goodine, is the ideal candidate to lead the next evolution of this important community-building organization.

"This appointment presents us with the opportunity to take a strategic look at our operations, our community partnerships and our relationships with all levels of government, and to leverage them to the greatest possible benefit," said Goodine. "Scott has the right mix of expertise for this moment in the Health Centre's history, as a respected community leader, passionate advocate for equity and social justice, and an expert in organizational renewal."

Courtice has 12 years of executive-level experience, including roles as Executive Director and Managing Director in the nonprofit and public sectors, with a focus on advocacy in education and government.

His most recent role, as Managing Director of Government Services for Western University's University Students' Council, saw him as a corporate division head in one of Canada's most comprehensive post-secondary student governments, which includes 55 full-time staff and over 300 volunteers and part-time staff. His executive leadership portfolio included human and volunteer resources, information technology services, student media services, advocacy services, a retail print and digital design business and corporate administration and governance.

He previously held executive roles with the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance and Toronto-based nonprofit, Meal Exchange. Courtice is the recipient of the Chamber of Commerce President's Award for contributions to their extensive government relations portfolio and was recently named to London's 'Top 20 Under 40' roster, for his professional accomplishments and community involvement. Courtice also serves as Chair of the London Public Library Board.

With a shifting landscape both locally, and at the provincial and federal levels, as well as a changing demographic mix in Ontario, Courtice says a strong Community Health Centre is essential to a strong London.

“As pressure on our economy and social system increase, and our community becomes increasingly diverse, the Health Centre’s work on behalf of London’s most vulnerable populations has never been more important,” he confirms. “To be the strongest and most prosperous community we can be, we have to ensure that everyone has equal access to quality health and social services.”

Each year, the Health Centre provides quality health and social services for those who experience barriers to care, including homeless populations and newcomers to Canada. With over 70 in the province, Community Health Centres are an important focus for the Government of Ontario, including as part of their Poverty Reduction Strategy.

Courtice’s appointment is effective April 25, 2016.