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MEMORANDUM TO: MOHLTC Employees

FROM: Alison Pilla
Executive Director
Health Policy & Standard Development

RE: Announcement of Director Health Program Standards and
Policy – **Susan Paetkau**

I am very pleased to announce that **Susan Paetkau** has been appointed the Director of the new Health Program Standards and Policy Branch, within the Health System Strategy Division. She will assume this position effective March 1, 2007.

Susan brings a great deal of experience to this position both in the public sector and more specifically, in the MOHLTC. Over the past five years, Susan was the Director of the Drug Programs Branch where she was responsible for directing the \$3.5 billion Ontario Drug Benefit Program, looking after a 125-person staff and a \$35M operating budget. In this role, she was responsible for strategic and program policy, finance and contract management, and front line service delivery to consumers, physicians, pharmacists and pharmaceutical companies. Prior to this most recent role, Susan served as a Manager for the Business and Financial Planning Unit at the Ministry of Education/Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities and Manager of the Health Human Resources Policy Unit at the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

As Director, Health Program Standards and Policy, Susan Paetkau will provide direction and leadership for the development, communication and adoption of strategic policies and standards related to health care access. This includes the development of provincial policies, strategies and legislation which respond to a range of critical emerging health system issues in such areas as primary care, acute and emergency care, community and long-term care and mental health and addictions. Susan will also be active in establishing strong linkages in the development of provincial policy and standards and will lead concurrent policy project teams to inform provincial policy development related to health care access, furthering government's agenda and the Ministry's stewardship role and its relationship with the Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs).

A transition plan and timetable will be communicated at a later date which describes when functions and units will transition from Susan's former Branch, Drug Programs, to new areas of the Ministry. She will play an integral part in assisting us through the transition.

Please join me in welcoming Susan to her new role.

"Original Signed By"

Alison Pilla
Executive Director