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***MHA and SHHA to Share CEO***

**(Strathroy, ON) –** The Middlesex Hospital Alliance (MHA) and South Huron Hospital Association (SHHA) have entered into an Agreement to share the position of President and Chief Executive Officer.

SHHA approached MHA about sharing CEO services in the spring of 2014 as a result of the retirement of the CEO at SHHA. Since that time, the Chairs, the CEO and other trustees have been working to develop an agreement as a starting point to partnering together to enhance services for the patients, families and communities that we serve.

“Several meetings have been held over the past several months to determine if there was a fit for the two organizations and a foundation to build upon,” said Ken Williams MHA Board Chair. “It was determined that this would be a good fit for both our organizations. We share a common vision of clinical and operational excellence and innovation and commitment to lead and seek ways to partner and integrate.”

The SHHA governing Board feels this is a very positive step forward for SHHA as well. Board Chair, John McNeilly, said: “We are confident that Todd’s leadership style, his passion for rural health and his personal values are a great fit with SHHA’s vision and values. He brings strong leadership experience and abilities to us, which will translate into additional benefits for the patients and staff of the SHHA.”

Mr. Stepanuik has served as President & CEO at Middlesex Hospital Alliance since May 2013. He is an experienced Healthcare Executive bringing over 20 years of in-depth experience from various stand alone, multi-site and integrated healthcare organizations across Canada. “I am very excited about the opportunity to serve as President & CEO for both the MHA and SHHA,” said Stepanuik. “I am confident that this partnership between these two stellar organizations will be a win-win for everyone!”

This joint position became effective February 2, 2015.

About MHA:

The Middlesex Hospital Alliance (MHA) is comprised of two fully-accredited partner sites: Four Counties Health Services and Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital.

A progressive, team-oriented and technologically adept organization of excellence, the MHA is creating a more integrated and seamless approach to treatment by embracing and seeking out partnerships, through collaboration and investing in people. This coordinated approach helps to ensure that a high level of service is provided while reducing costs and continually enhancing quality.

Providing core acute primary and secondary hospital care, the MHA has also been recognized for establishing two notable Centres of Achievement (Orthopaedics and Diabetes Education Centre) that generate local and regional referrals.

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