

## Press Release

The Board of Trustees of St. Francis Memorial Hospital is very pleased to announce the appointment of Jeremy Stevenson to the position of Chief Operating Officer at St. Francis Memorial Hospital (SFMH) effective March 22, 2010. Jeremy will be replacing the current Director of Operations, Darlene Sernoskie when she retires in late March.

Jeremy has over 10 years of clinical and administrative experience in Healthcare that most recently included 4 years as a Senior Planner for the Champlain Local Health Integration Network (CLHIN) where he worked with all the Renfrew County Hospitals and other care providers.

While he was with the CLHIN he helped implement over a dozen successful Alternate Level of Care programs ("ALC") and most recently led the Provincial Ministry of Health 3 year "Aging at Home" initiative, the largest new investment in the Champlain Region. He was also responsible each year for developing the Directional Plan and Strategies and in this position he led and coordinated a team of multidisciplinary professionals in the accomplishment, implementation and evaluation of over 30 regional and local integrated programs.

Jeremy holds a Master in Health Administration (MHA) from the University of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON and has his Baccalaureate of Science in Occupational Therapy. He also has completed the Administration Certification Program for Senior Managers in Long Term Care.

Mr. Randy Penney, CEO of SFMH stated, "We feel very fortunate to have been able to recruit someone of Jeremy's caliber to Barry's Bay. Hospitals are facing new challenges every day and Jeremy's past experience at the Senior level in Healthcare Administration will serve St. Francis well into future."

Mr. Jeremy Stevenson stated, "I am very happy and truly honored for the opportunity to work with all the staff and physicians of St. Francis Memorial Hospital and its community. My experience working with these individuals and groups and with Mr. Randy Penney made this decision an easy one. Our family is very excited to be part of such a strong community and to live in the County where my wife and I have spent much of our childhood."

Jeremy brings with him his wife Amy and their four young children when he moves to our community. He and his family are looking forward to joining in community activities and experience some of the natural beauty that will now be available right in their backyard.

Please join me in welcoming Jeremy and his family to St. Francis and the community.

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