

## Providence Care welcomes new President and CEO

**KINGSTON (January 28, 2008)** -- Today Dale Kenney began his new role as President & CEO of Providence Care, the Kingston-based \$108-million dollar health care provider, which employs over 1,700 staff in southeastern Ontario.

Kenney, who was born in Kingston and attended St. Lawrence College, has spent over 25 years working for Kingston's university hospitals and says he is looking forward to his new position at Providence Care.

"We are delivering services in a real growth area of health care," Kenney says. "Given the aging population and the needs that will bring, Providence Care is at the forefront with our rehabilitation, complex continuing care, mental health, geriatric and long term care expertise."

Kenney says one of his top priorities in his new job is moving forward with hospital redevelopment – at Providence Care that means a new hospital at King Street West. The new hospital will replace the aging buildings at St. Mary's of the Lake and Mental Health Services, but the project is still in the planning stages until the province moves it onto its five-year building cycle.

"I have been directly involved in the planning for a new hospital over the past years and I know firsthand what the need is," Kenney says, referring to his previous role as Vice-President of Planning for Providence Care, Kingston General Hospital and Hotel Dieu Hospital (HDH). A Certified Management Accountant and Certified Health Executive, Kenney also worked at HDH from 1982 to 1999 in various senior management positions.

"Dale Kenney's knowledge of our regional health care system and his experience in financial management, strategic planning and hospital redevelopment are strong assets," says Providence Care Board Chair Larry Norman. Norman adds he is pleased Kenney has had the opportunity to work closely with retiring President & CEO Cathy Dunne over the past several months.

*Providence Care is the leading provider of specialized care for some of the most vulnerable patients in southeastern Ontario – the frail elderly, people coping with chronic illness, stroke survivors and those living with mental illness. One of Kingston's university hospitals, Providence Care has three main sites in Kingston: Mental Health Services, St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital and Providence Manor, as well as over 15 community locations. Affiliated with Queen's University, Providence Care is a major centre for teaching and research.*

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