



Catulpa Community Support Services

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MEMO

Date: June 15, 2015
To: Community Partners
From: Michele Allen, Chair of the Board of Directors
Subject: **Announcement of new Executive Director, Karen Hirstwood**

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Karen Hirstwood as the new Executive Director, Catulpa Community Support Services effective immediately.

Karen Hirstwood is a social worker who has devoted most of her career to working with children/youth who have exceptional needs, their families and adults who have intellectual disabilities and/or mental health needs. Previous work experience includes senior leadership positions with key areas of focus including:

- Case Management Services
- MSWFP Access Mechanism
- Case Resolution and Case Coordination Services
- Community Crisis Response Network
- Health Planning
- Participation on several Boards and Advisory Committees in the Mental Health and Developmental Services Sector.

Karen joined Catulpa in 2008 as the Regional Complex Care Program Manager and shortly thereafter began preparing for succession to this role. We are pleased that Karen has accepted this appointment and know she will provide Catulpa Community Support Services with skilled and strong leadership and will contribute much to the community we serve.

Michele Allen

