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RAY MESSOM ANNOUNCED AS NEW WENTWEST CEO

Thursday 16 May 2019

WentWest, operating as the Western Sydney Primary Health Network, is pleased to announce the appointment of our new CEO - Ray Messom. A Canadian by birth, Ray currently heads up the NSW Ministry of Health's System Information and Analytics Branch. He brings to WentWest-WSPHN in-depth expertise in Health and Business Economics, Health System Performance, Informatics and Analytics: all skills which are critical to the next phase of health system reforms - and to the evolution of PHNs.

Ray has worked in academic, commercial and public settings, with responsibilities over that time ranging from the management of large PwC business work programs, through to monitoring NSW Local Health District purchasing and performance functions. Recent collaborative work with PHNs include refinement of needs assessment processes, Integrated Care rollouts and progression of the NSW Data Linkage Project. Ray is ideally placed to build and expand on the great work done by previous CEO Walter Kmet and the WentWest team.

The WentWest Board extends its sincere thanks to our dedicated staff members – including our Senior Management Team, all of whom have maintained the organisation's vision and momentum in the interregnum between Walter Kmet's departure in early March and Ray's appointment. The Board particularly thanks Brendan Peek as Acting CEO for his leadership and management of broad ranging responsibilities over this period.

Ray will commence his role with WentWest in early July. Please join the WentWest Board in welcoming Ray to the organisation and western Sydney.



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About the Western Sydney Primary Health Network (WentWest Ltd)

Primary Health Networks (PHNs) are a federal government health initiative, established with the key objectives of increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of medical services for patients, particularly those at risk of poor health outcomes and improving coordination of care to ensure patients receive the right care in the right place, at the right time.

In its role as the Western Sydney Primary Health Network, WentWest focuses on addressing national and regional health priorities in consultation and partnership with local GPs, Allied Health Professionals, consumers and community bodies and the broader health sector.



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