

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Midland Community Health Hub Officially Opens its Doors on June 1, 2020

Midland, Ontario – May 25, 2020 – Centre de santé communautaire Chigamik Community Health Centre (CSC Chigamik CHC) and Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care's (Waypoint) Outpatient Mental Health program and the HERO Centre (Housing, Employment, Rehabilitation and Our Place Social Club programs) are excited to announce that they will be relocating to the new Midland Community Health Hub located at 287 Bayshore Drive in downtown Midland. The move will take place during the week of May 25, 2020 and the building will officially be open on Monday, June 1, 2020. Although most of the programs and services provided by the two organizations are being offered virtually during the move, in-person appointments are still being scheduled as needed.

"We're very excited to announce that the new Midland Community Health Hub building is complete. This new building will consolidate many healthcare services in our community under one roof including primary care and mental health supports, youth programming, traditional healing and walk-in services. This will allow for more collaborative growth and provide our clients and residents with more access to quality, client-centered care," says David Jeffery, Executive Director, CSC Chigamik CHC.

The 40,000-square-foot facility is a collaborative project that will house CSC Chigamik CHC and Waypoint's outpatient and community programs and a number of common elements such as a reception area, meeting rooms, a community kitchen and physiotherapy facilities. Several rooms are designated for "smudging" to serve the Indigenous community. All services and programs from each organization will remain the same.

"We are very excited to come together with CSC Chigamik CHC in our new physical space," says Carol Lambie, President and CEO of Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care. "Waypoint and CHIGAMIK were visionary in planning for this co-location of services to improve access for our clients and their families which aligns with the government's commitment to integrated care delivery systems."

Other community organizations who will share the space include the North Simcoe Youth Wellness Hub, the Patient, Client and Family Council, the Rapid Access Addiction Medicine (RAAM) clinic (facilitated by the Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre), the Mental Health Walk-In Clinic (facilitated by the Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County), the Midland Midwives By the Bay and more.

"This new Community Health Hub is the result of deep partnerships that have been fostered over the last decade," says Betty Valentine, Waypoint Board Member and Tammy Stadt, CHC Chigamik CSC Board Member and Property Committee Co-Chairs. "This is a place where our teams will work together, share knowledge, and provide integrated care to our residents, and where everyone will feel like they are valued and belong."

To ensure the safety of all staff, clients and community members during the COVID-19 pandemic, all organizations occupying the Community Health Hub have implemented enhanced health and safety measures. Following the advice of Public Health, physical distancing will remain in place with limited foot traffic in the new building. In-person appointments will be scheduled as needed.

CSC Chigamik CHC and Waypoint would like to thank the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, the County of Simcoe, the Town of Midland, Lett Architects and all community partners for working together to help support the development of a new Midland Community Health Hub.

For more information about the Community Health Hub, please visit www.chigamik.ca or www.waypointcentre.ca.

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About CSC CHIGAMIK CHC

Centre de santé communautaire CHIGAMIK Community Health Centre is a not-for-profit health care service funded by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, through the North Simcoe Muskoka Local Health Integration Network. It offers bilingual and culturally sensitive care. It encourages persons who identify as First Nations, Francophone, Inuit, Métis or Aboriginal and live in North Simcoe Muskoka to register. For more information please visit www.chigamik.ca.

About Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care

Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care is our region's specialty mental health hospital with the province's only high secure forensic mental health programs. Located on the beautiful shores of Georgian Bay in the Town of Penetanguishene, Waypoint provides an extensive range of both acute and longer term psychiatric inpatient and outpatient services. The hospital is recognized internationally for its research and strives to provide exceptional care to those most needing mental health services.

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