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To: Senior Leadership, Directors, Managers and Coordinators

From: Dr. Miranda Lesperance, Vice President, Indigenous Collaboration, Equity & Inclusion

Date: August 9, 2023

RE: Announcement – Interim Manager, Indigenous Collaboration, Equity & Inclusion

I am pleased to announce Leona Kakepetum as our new Interim Manager, Indigenous Collaboration, Equity & Inclusion, effective August 9, 2023 and ending August 31, 2024.

Leona holds a degree in Political Science from Lakehead University and brings leadership experience working as the Interim Health Director at Keewaytinook Okimakanak (KO), a non-political Chiefs Council that serves Deer Lake, Fort Severn, Keewaywin, McDowell Lake, North Spirit Lake, and Poplar Hill First Nations. Prior to her time at Keewaytinook Okimakanak, Leona worked on the Health Transformation Team at Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN), which represents 49 First Nations communities in Northern Ontario.

Outside of her formal roles and education, Leona is very committed to community volunteer work. She is a member of the Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority Board of Directors, a Transplant Ambassador, and an advocate for health.

As the Interim Manager, Leona will report to the VP, Indigenous Collaboration, Equity, and Inclusion where she will work directly with the TBRHSC Indigenous Health Hub to improve health delivery and equity outcomes for Indigenous Peoples across the organization. She will also work to advance Equity & Inclusion initiatives for other equity-deserving groups that access services at TBRHSC.

Leona is located on Level 1, Room 1480, Office 1472. She can also be reached via email leona.kakepetum@tbh.net and by phone at 684-7922 or 629-4514.

Please join me in welcoming Leona Kakepetum to our organization.