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Federal Health Minister, Dr. Jane Philpott, will open the National Health Leadership Conference in Vancouver

Ottawa (April 12, 2017) – The Honourable Jane Philpott, federal Minister of Health, will deliver opening remarks to kick off the two-day National Health Leadership Conference (NHLC) in Vancouver on June 12th, 2017.

“We are delighted to have the Minister open our conference,” said Bill Tholl, President and CEO of HealthCareCAN and co-host of NHLC. “This year’s conference will focus on value-based healthcare and patient and family-centered approach which parallels Minister Philpott’s recent talks with provinces on where to drive healthcare. Our delegates will be eager to hear the Minister’s vision on what the next steps are regarding provinces and the federal government working together for the best outcomes for patients.”

NHLC is the largest national gathering of health leaders in Canada. On June 12th and 13th, more than 700 health leaders will converge in Vancouver to debate and share strategies and solutions to the most pressing health system challenges.

“Governments, health leaders – and those we serve – are looking for better value, improved quality, better outcomes, and enhancing the value proposition through the lens of the patient and family. In an era of increased complexity and at a time when health spending is outpacing economic growth, achieving greater value from how health services are delivered is essential,” said Ray Racette, President and CEO of the Canadian College of Health Leaders and co-host of NHLC.

NHLC will feature the third edition of the Great Canadian Healthcare Debate, a new policy forum where health leaders debate and advance policy resolutions that would make a significant impact and improvement to the system. The Globe and Mail’s former national affairs columnist, Jeffrey Simpson, will once again moderate the debate.

Following last year’s Debate’s number one motion, NHLC will hold an extraordinary plenary session focussing on Indigenous health. Moderated by CBC’s Duncan McCue, panelists Dr. Nadine Caron, Joe Gallagher and Ted Quewezance will take a deep dive into the conference theme of value-based healthcare, and a patient and family centred approach with respect to Indigenous health. They will explore potential re-alignment of authorities, accountabilities and resourcing within Indigenous health.

NHLC will end with remarks from entrepreneur, marketing and communications expert and Dragons’ Den personality, Arlene Dickinson who will share her personal leadership journey and reflect on why strengthening communication and collaboration with patients and their families will lead to better health outcomes and improved patient experiences.

NHLC will be held at the Westin Bayshore Hotel in Vancouver. Click on www.nhlc-cnls.ca for more information.

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