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## CHILLIWACK DIVISION PRESS RELEASE - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chilliwack Division of Family Practice is pleased to announce the selection of Daphne McRae as its new Executive Director. Daphne steps into the role following the upcoming departure of current Executive Director Katrina Beppe, who has led the division for the most of the last 5 years, and served the division since 2012. She has been an incredible asset to the Division's membership and the advancement of its strategic objectives. The hire was made after a comprehensive search process, in collaboration with the Search Committee and Harbour West Consulting, and with the approval of the Board of Directors.

"The Board of Directors of the Chilliwack Division of Family Practice is enthralled to announce Daphne McRae, as the new executive director. As a highly qualified leader and academic, we are excited that Daphne brings a knowledge of our communities, and a vision for the Division. We look forward to having her join our team and Division." - *Dominic Black, Chairperson, Chilliwack Division of Family Practice*

A long-time resident of Chilliwack, BC, Daphne McRae holds a PhD in Community and Population Health Science and possesses years of experience managing complex, multi-country projects and teams in healthcare. Currently, she is an investigator of the *Mozambique-Canada Maternal Health Project* and the Co-Principal Investigator of *Male Involvement in Maternal and Newborn Care Implementation and Evaluation Project*, both in collaboration with the University of Saskatchewan. Previously, she was a Consultant for the City of Chilliwack and the Midwives Association of BC as well as an Investigator for the Canadian Neighbourhoods and Early Child Development Team at the University of British Columbia.

Daphne brings a strong understanding of the rationale behind the Divisions' initiatives, including the Primary Care Clinic, the Chilliwack Youth Health Centre, Patient Attachment Mechanism, and the Maternity Project. She will begin her new appointment as Executive Director for the Chilliwack Division of Family Practice on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

"It is a pleasure to join the Chilliwack Division of Family Practice as Executive Director. I look forward to working with this dynamic organization and contributing to the vision of extraordinary healthcare for our communities." - *Daphne McRae, Executive Director*

### About Chilliwack Division of Family Practice

Located on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Coast Salish, Stó:lō, and Nlaka'pamux peoples, The Chilliwack Division of Family Practice (the Division) is a non-profit society that represents over 120 family physicians in Chilliwack, Agassiz, Seabird Island and Hope.

The Division also supports 20 nurse practitioners, medical residents, and medical students as associate members. The diversity of membership provides primary care services for 116,000 community members from Chilliwack to Boston Bar, which includes 22 First Nations communities and a geographical landmass of over 40% of the Fraser Health Authority. The Division is committed to improving health care services for patients by supporting an engaged and collegial medical community.

For more information, visit the Chilliwack Division of Family Practice at [www.divisionsbc.ca/chilliwack](http://www.divisionsbc.ca/chilliwack).

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