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Abby Kennedy named New Cottage Hospital Board Chair

Woodsville, NH – As Cottage Hospital goes into a new era with recently appointed CEO, Dr. Maria Ryan there will be a shift in tides in the boardroom as well.

Abby Kennedy, long time resident of the Woodsville community, will take over the reins as the Cottage Hospital Board Chair succeeding Stephan Elliot after his two-term run as board chair.

Ms. Kennedy has served on the Cottage Hospital Board of Trustees for over 20 years serving four terms as board chair. She looks forward to the opportunity to lead again in a tumultuous time for healthcare.

“I look at this as an opportunity, building on the solid foundation laid by Reg Lavoie, (Cottage Hospital’s former CEO) and Steve Elliott. I am cognizant of the challenges in healthcare that lie ahead for Cottage Hospital and New Hampshire and am committed to the new possibilities and positive change.” Stated Kennedy

Kennedy has spent the past 32 years in healthcare, of which the past 22 have been as Practice manager for Dr. Patty Pratt. She has also been an officer of the Woodsville Fire Department for 13 years. Abby resides in Bath with her husband, Brad and son Zack.

Maria Ryan, Cottage Hospital CEO remarked, “Abby is a true asset to this hospital and our community. She is committed to awareness of healthcare and how it will affect our community. She has a high level of respect from her peers, our medical staff and our hospital staff.”

Kennedy looks forward to the future with hope and determination to build relationships with other hospital boards and healthcare organizations, explaining that “we are all in similar positions with the future of healthcare and collaborating will improve our skills to effectively lead our organizations into the future.”

Cottage Hospital is a 25 bed, critical access hospital serving the beautiful Upper Connecticut River Valley. For additional information regarding Cottage Hospital and any of our services, visit us on the web at www.cottagehospital.org, or call (603)747-9000.

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