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Cottage Hospital Board of Trustees Names New CEO

The Cottage Hospital Board of Trustees is excited to announce the appointment of Dr. Maria Ryan as the new Chief Executive Officer of Cottage Hospital in Woodsville, NH. The transition of this office is expected to be completed in late January.

Dr. Ryan is well versed in hospital administration, as well as clinical practice. She has served a dual role as Cottage Hospital's Chief Nursing & Operating Officer for the past three years. Reg Lavoie, current CEO comments, "Her commitment to care is an asset for the hospital and our community."

Dr. Ryan earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of New Hampshire, her Master of Science in Nursing and Family Nurse Practitioner from Rivier College, and most recently her Doctorate Degree in Hospital Administration from Warren University. She spent many years of her career as a Board Certified Family Nurse Practitioner, practicing in many facets of healthcare, specializing in Emergency Medicine. She has also held roles such as interim CEO, CNO, COO from one of the largest healthcare organizations in the country. Steve Elliott, Cottage Hospital Board Chair notes, "that her diverse background and understanding of medicine and business makes her the ideal candidate for our hospital."

When the announcement was made to the staff of Cottage Hospital – the employees were elated by the news, citing her ability to get the job done, and the open communication she has with the staff. One employee stated "Maria is a true team player – she is always willing to help and her smile is contagious!"

Dr. Ryan looks forward to continuing the wonderful work that her predecessor, Reg Lavoie, has done over his seventeen year tenure at the hospital, while creating new opportunities for our hospital and our community.

Dr. Ryan is a New Hampshire native, she and her husband Robert reside in Lisbon, NH. They have three grown children who live in the Manchester area.

Please feel free to stop by and say hello to her the next time you visit Cottage Hospital, and look for more news about an open house early in the spring for an

opportunity to bring your questions, comments and concerns to Dr. Ryan and her team.

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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