

## MEDIA RELEASE – 30 January 2020

### Ms Megan Cahill appointed as CEO of Capital Health Network

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The Board of Capital Health Network Ltd (CHN) is proud to announce the appointment of Ms Megan Cahill to the role of CEO.

CHN Chair, Dr Lyndal Thorburn, welcomed the appointment on behalf of the CHN Board. She says “Ms Cahill brings to CHN many years of experience in the health sector, including in primary care commissioning agencies and government departments in the ACT and Victoria. We are excited to be able to attract back to the ACT someone of Ms Cahill’s caliber. Ms Cahill’s background in the health sector, and her extensive management experience as a CEO, will enable Ms Cahill to work effectively with the CHN Board to formulate and develop CHN’s strategic direction,” said Dr Thorburn, CHN Chair.

“At the same time, Ms Cahill’s experience in commissioning of health services and understanding of Commonwealth and State health systems will enable Ms Cahill to maximise CHN’s delivery of services within our region. We are very much looking forward to her contribution within the ACT and within the wider context of Primary Healthcare Networks nationally.”

Ms Cahill expressed delight about returning to Canberra and joining CHN.

“The ACT provides a unique environment within which to test new models of commissioning, to take consumer-centric care to the next level, and to maximise the use of emerging technologies. I hope to make a valuable contribution to the development and promotion of the organisation in the interests of ensuring an effective and connected primary health care system for everyone in the ACT,” said Ms Cahill.

“My well-established networks in the ACT, nationally and internationally also mean I can drive an ambitious agenda for the CHN. I am also very much looking forward to returning to Canberra, after an absence of some years.”

Ms Cahill will commence work with CHN on 2 March 2020. Until then, Ms Lauren Anthes and Ms Yolanda McKean are acting jointly in the CEO role.

Capital Health Network’s role is to advance the way health care is delivered in Canberra. CHN addresses community needs by collaborating with consumers, GPs, clinicians and sector stakeholders to improve health outcomes. We are unique in our ability to support general practice and design services that fill gaps and deliver lasting improvements.

#### Background

Megan Cahill is the Chair of the Rural Workforce Agency Network and was previously the CEO of the Rural Workforce Agency Victoria (RWAV), a position she held between February 2015 and May 2019. Prior to joining RWAV, Megan was the CEO of General Practice Education and Training (GPET). Megan has also held senior executive roles in state/territory health departments where she was responsible for intergovernmental relations, clinical service planning, workforce planning and infrastructure programs. Megan’s career has had a strong primary care focus and she has worked in Divisions of General Practice and primary care commissioning agencies in the UK.