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The Luke Project 52 Clinic of Flint Announces Leadership Transition as Founding Medical Provider and current Medical Director Dr. Lyric Walsh DNP, CNM Steps Down

FLINT, MI — The Luke Project 52 Clinic of Flint announces today that **Dr. Lyric Walsh DNP, CNM** our **current Medical Director and founding medical provider**, will be **stepping down from her role after 5 years of faithful service**.

The Luke Project 52 Clinic of Flint **would simply not exist today if not for Dr. Walsh's extraordinary service** above and beyond to the Flint community. Five years ago, she answered a critical call to action, helping build the clinic from the ground up to address healthcare disparities and provide vital medical care to those who need it most. As a visionary founding provider, her clinical expertise, deep empathy, and tireless dedication have shaped the culture of our clinic and directly impacted the lives of hundreds of Flint residents. While we are deeply saddened to see her leave this position, we are filled with immense gratitude for the solid foundation she has built. Her legacy of compassionate, high-quality care will continue to guide our mission moving forward.

The Luke Project 52 Clinic of Flint Appoints Renowned OB/GYN Dr. Kurt Wharton as New Medical Director

FLINT, MI — The Luke Project 52 Clinic of Flint is proud to announce the appointment of **Dr. Kurt R. Wharton, MD**, as its new **Medical Director**. Dr. Wharton, a highly distinguished obstetrician-gynecologist and hospitalist, brings over four decades of clinical excellence, academic leadership, and executive medical experience to the Flint community. Dr. Wharton currently serves as a Professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine (OUWB) and is the Vice-Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Corewell Health William Beaumont University Hospital in Royal Oak. His extensive leadership portfolio includes serving as the Obstetrics and Gynecology Service Line Chief and Clinical Care Programs Chief across Corewell Health East.

"We are absolutely thrilled to welcome Dr. Wharton to our leadership team," said Rev. Brad Garrison RPh, President/Executive Director. "His unparalleled expertise in maternal-fetal care and maternal health systems will be invaluable as we continue our mission to provide high-quality, compassionate prenatal care to families in Flint. Dr. Wharton's arrival marks a pivotal chapter in expanding our clinical impact and addressing maternal healthcare disparities."

Dr. Wharton earned his medical degree from the Boston University School of Medicine in 1984 after completing his undergraduate studies in Physiology and Anatomy at the University of California, Berkeley. He completed his residency at the world-renowned University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences, where he also served as Administrative Chief Resident. He is board-certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology.

In his role as Medical Director at the Luke Project 52 Clinic of Flint, Dr. Wharton will oversee clinical operations, guide medical staff, and champion initiatives aimed at improving infant mortality rates and maternal health outcomes in the Greater Flint area. He will maintain his active roles and clinical practice with Corewell Health.