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## **Leadership Transition at InnerChange Foundation**

The Board of Directors of the InnerChange Foundation announces an executive leadership change.

For personal reasons, Ms. Edoye Porbeni will be stepping down from the position of Executive Director at InnerChange, effective June 30, 2016. Edoye will be replaced by Dr. Laura Tate, effective June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016, to allow for an effective transition.

During her time at InnerChange, Edoye brought great professionalism to InnerChange's management, planning and communications strategy. InnerChange has benefited from her talents as a health care innovator, advocate and administrator. We wish her well in her future endeavours.

As incoming Executive Director, Dr. Tate is expected to strengthen InnerChange with her extensive skills and experience managing innovation in addressing substance use challenges for people of all ages. Laura said: "I am excited about this opportunity to follow through with the remarkable work that InnerChange has done over the years. They have brought about positive and pragmatic fresh thinking that are leading to addiction and related mental health service improvements to British Columbia. The innovative addiction programs which InnerChange has helped to promote and fund are becoming part of the fabric of BC's clinical and social services." In addition to managing an ongoing consulting practice, Laura was the prior Provincial Director of an agency which channeled Ministry of Health funds into community-based mental wellness innovations. After years working in the trenches, on the front lines of addiction and mental health service policy, she has come to believe passionately in the need for integrated service delivery to effectively address individual and community substance use challenges. In addition, she spent many years in direct public service, holding positions at the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, and at various Metro Vancouver area municipalities. Laura holds a doctorate in community planning and development, and recently co-edited a book on the role of networks in fostering social change.

The InnerChange Foundation provides leadership, funding and advocacy to drive innovation and change. Our goal is to improve the health outcomes for British Columbians suffering from addictions and related mental health challenges.

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