

DSSAB Appoints New Acting CAO

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Fern Dominelli has been appointed as acting CAO for the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Social Services Administration Board.

Board Chair Ray Chenier explained CAO Gary Champagne, who has headed the board since its inception in 1999, has had deteriorating health for the past few years.

"Over the spring, he indicated he didn't think he could continue to work at the same

pace he was working before and he decided to take time off. Now the specialists have agreed he is on short term leave and that a further decision will be taken in November concerning a long term leave."

Since early July, the board had been under the direction of David Court, former CAO for the Algoma District Social Services Administration Board.

"We had hired David Court as a consultant to work on a

strategic plan and other issues for the board but after Mr. Champagne left, we asked Mr. Court to act as interim acting CAO and to continue as a consultant," said Chenier.



Fern Dominelli

Dominelli, who is currently Director of Ontario Works for the board, will assume the position as acting CAO effective November 1.