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## **Elizabeth Koff AM appointed to Board of leading health service management College**

The leading professional association and College for leaders in health, community and aged care service has today announced the appointment of Telstra Health Managing Director Elizabeth Koff as an Independent Director to its Board.

Elizabeth was the Secretary of NSW Health from 2016 and was appointed Managing Director of Telstra Health on 1 July 2022.

Ms Koff is one of Australia's most experienced health leaders, having spent more than three decades in the NSW health system. As NSW Health Secretary, she oversaw Australia's largest health system with 228 hospitals and 127,000 staff with an operating budget of \$30 billion.

Some of the significant initiatives and changes she oversaw include leading the state's health service delivery through the COVID-19 pandemic, strengthening digital health across the system and implementing value-based healthcare at scale.

Prior to her role as Secretary for NSW Health, Elizabeth was the Deputy Secretary for Strategy and Resources at NSW Health, and Chief Executive of the Sydney Children's Hospitals Network.

ACHSM's Board President, Dr Neale Fong FCHSM CHE, stated, "Given her impressive credentials and extensive experience, Elizabeth is a very welcome addition as an Independent Director to our Board.

"Her input and contributions to Board deliberations could not arrive at a more opportune time as we continue our strong growth and build our health leadership and management development offerings.

"The College successfully pivoted to a greater reliance on digital delivery of professional development and briefings during the past two years as College members looked to learn on the run during a difficult time for the entire health workforce," Dr Fong said.

ACHSM is one of the Asia-Pacific region's longest-running professional Colleges, having been in existence over 75 years. It offers programs including Fellowship, Certification, Mentoring, masterclasses and hundreds of virtual and face-to-face learning events to over 2500 members.

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*The mission of the College is to recognise, develop and support effective health leadership and management. The aim is to help deliver quality services and improve health and wellbeing.*

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