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Sandra is the Chief Executive Officer of the Waterloo Wellington Local Health Integration Network (WWLHIN). Sandra has devoted her professional career to health service organizations including COTA Health, VON Waterloo-Wellington-Dufferin, Stratford General Hospital, Kitchener-Waterloo Hospital (now Grand River), The Hospital for Sick Children and the University of Toronto.

Recognized as both a visionary leader and strategic thinker, Sandra has an impressive ability to move programs forward from conception to implementation. She is committed to making a far-reaching contribution and, to that end, takes on the role of mentor to many young professionals.

Other commitments to her profession include her role as a Certified Health Executive with the Canadian College of Health Services Executives. She is an affiliate with the American College of Health Care Executives (ACHE), and founding president of the Canadian chapter of the ACHE. Sandra is a surveyor with Accreditation Canada, has been co-chair of the Quality Health Network, board member of the Canadian Home Care Association, and past president of the Board of Directors of Conestoga College.

Sandra has received recognition for her work, having been awarded the ACHE Regents' Award for Excellence in Health Care Leadership (2004), the City of Waterloo Volunteer of the Year Recognition Award in both 2003 and 2007, the Canadian College of Health Service Executives Chapter Award for Distinguished Service in Health Care Leadership (2008), the Oktoberfest Woman of the Year Award in the Professional category (2008) and the 2009 ACHE Recognition Service Award.

Sandra holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from McGill University and a Master's in Health Sciences from the University of Toronto.

Sandra is married to Greg Hanmer, a local lawyer and they have four children whose interests in hockey, synchronized swimming, soccer and diving have been fully supported by Sandra's leadership role in the various sports' organizations as president, manager, trainer or as a member of the board. Sandra is a self-professed sports fanatic, "If I can't play it, I watch it."

