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Mary Kratz joins the Interoperability Institute as new executive vice president

LANSING, Mich., Sept. 18, 2019 — The Interoperability Institute LLC has announced that Mary Kratz has joined the organization as the executive vice president where she will oversee the new not-for-profit organization focused on innovative research designed to accelerate national interoperability and to attract and develop health information technology talent.

Kratz will also be responsible for helping the chief executive officer lead strategic and external efforts toward the accomplishment of the Interoperability Institute mission and objectives and will serve as a key member of the executive leadership team.

Previously, Kratz was CEO of Sustinere, LLC. She is a leader in the field of Global Health Informatics, working at the intersection of interdisciplinary science and public private partnerships. Kratz has worked in more than 40 countries in the past 20 years on telemedicine, health information systems and business development.

As a former senior advisor to the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), Kratz has previously worked in low and middle-income countries to enable Information Communication Technology, electronic medical records, digital collaboration tools and Open Access to medical information.

"I am delighted to serve the Interoperability Institute at this exciting time of great opportunity for the healthcare industry," said Mary Kratz, executive vice president, Interoperability Institute. "The ways we have implemented technology for the healthcare industry in the past simply don't work today. There are too many costs, too much overhead and too much administration. And the Interoperability Institute is poised to accelerate the use of health data in ways that will result in quality, efficient health services and improved health outcomes."

"We are pleased to have Mary join the Interoperability Institute," said Tim Pletcher, CEO, Interoperability Institute. "She has a strong history in not only shaping healthcare infrastructure and championing interoperability, but in business development and working across stakeholder

groups to advance both the public and private sector. She is exactly the right person to help lead the newly formed organization into a viable, acclaimed non-profit known for advancing interoperability, a resource for developing and hiring skilled talent, and a recognized neutral focal point for leading the adoption and standardization of emerging technologies and innovations that use health data to improve that quality of health services and outcomes."

About Interoperability Institute

The Interoperability Institute focuses on creating communities and environments that accelerate the adoption of interoperability in ways that result in greater health and more impactful delivery of human services through developing solutions and the next generation workforce to enable organizations and communities to harness the benefits of interoperability at scale. The Institute is as a limited liability company with the Michigan Health Information Network Shared Services (MiHIN) as the sole member. For more information, visit https://interoperabilityinstitute.org/.

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