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New director takes reins of Public Health

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County welcomed a new Director of Public Health on Monday.

Cheryl Fraser, who was director of quality and risk at Christus Trinity Mother Frances Rehabilitation Hospital in Tyler, was hired by Commissioners Court after a search launched when former director Gwen Mills announced her retirement this spring.

“Cheryl has the knowledge and experience we were looking for to serve Comal County residents through the Office of Public Health,” said County Judge Sherman Krause. “We’re excited to welcome her on board to build on the great things our Public Health Office has accomplished.”

A Houston native, Fraser is a registered nurse with more than 12 years’ experience across East Texas in critical care nursing and leadership in areas including emergency rooms, intensive care units, quality and risk management, infection control, clinical documentation, and regulatory compliance and patient satisfaction.

Fraser holds certifications in critical care nursing, risk analysis, patient satisfaction and emergency preparedness, and brings first-hand experience with emergency preparedness through her work alongside hospital administrators, state officials and the Red Cross during hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Ike.

She earned a bachelor’s degree in nursing and is completing a Master of Science in Nursing Administration degree from the University of Texas at Arlington.

“I’m excited about serving and being a resource for Comal County residents,” Fraser said. “Public Health is a service to our community, and I look forward to supporting our staff to help serve the people of the county.”

The Office of Public Health helps Comal County residents achieve and maintain good health by controlling disease and promoting healthy lifestyle choices, as well as protecting residents from diseases and epidemics through emergency preparedness and response.

The office, located in the county’s Goodwin Annex at 1297 Church Hill Drive in New Braunfels,

partners with community members to provide immunizations, perform investigations, conduct trainings and classes, connect people to medical services, and test for a range of diseases.

Fraser has relocated to New Braunfels with her husband, Larry, and daughter Arwen, the youngest of their four children. Fraser said she enjoys art, music, reading, continuing education and their seven grandchildren.

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