Mercy Health Names Dave Fikse President, Cincinnati Market

(CINCINNATI; October 24, 2018) – Mercy Health - Cincinnati, which provides advanced, quality, compassionate care in your neighborhood through its care network, announces that it has named Dave Fikse to the role of President, Cincinnati Market. Fikse assumes the role from Mike Garfield, who was recently promoted to serve as president of Bon Secours Mercy Health's newly formed Mid-American Group, and will report to Garfield.

Fikse served most recently as Mercy Health – Cincinnati's Chief Operating Officer and his promotion follows the coming together of Mercy Health and Bon Secours earlier this year.

"I'm very pleased that today, with our Board's blessing, we have named Dave Fikse as Mercy Health – Cincinnati's new President," said Garfield. "Dave has done an outstanding job as COO and it's gratifying to give talented leaders like Dave the opportunity to take on new responsibilities in support of our ministry."

"This is the perfect succession plan," says Mercy Health – Cincinnati Board President Jim McGraw. "Dave is already well-oriented to the board and we know that he is looking forward to fulfilling the community responsibilities that being President entails."

As Chief Operating Officer, Fikse has overseen the operations of Mercy Health's five award-winning hospitals, four freestanding emergency departments and the cardiac, oncology and orthopaedic service lines.

"Dave works well with physicians and has developed outstanding relationships with our service line leaders," adds Garfield. "With more than 30 years of hospital experience, including management of multiple hospitals before joining Mercy Health, Dave has helped Mercy Health – Cincinnati grow and become more cost efficient. His work has also led directly to Mercy Health winning multiple, prestigious quality awards."

Before joining Mercy Health - Cincinnati, Fikse served as vice president of operations for a division of Community Health Systems with 30 facilities, including 15 hospitals, in 10 states. Previously, he was vice president of operations for a division with 24 facilities, including 10 hospitals, in three states. He also served as Chief Executive Officer of ValleyCare Health System in Youngstown, Ohio. He has held executive leadership roles with leading health systems. Fikse received a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Planning and Administration from Pennsylvania State University in University Park, Pennsylvania and a Masters of Business Administration degree from DePaul University in Chicago, Illinois.

Mercy Health – Cincinnati is actively seeking Fikse's replacement.

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Health – Cincinnati network of care includes five award-winning hospitals, senior living communities, primary care and specialty physician practices, outpatient centers, fitness centers and a variety of outreach programs. Mercy Health Cincinnati hospitals have earned national Truven Health Analytics' 100 Top Hospitals honors more times than all other Cincinnati hospitals combined, placing them among the best hospitals in the nation. Truven has also named Mercy Health Cincinnati as one of the nation's Top 15 health systems five times, more than any other health system in Cincinnati. To learn more visit, mercy.com and engage in the conversation via Mercy Health Cincinnati's social media channels (@mercy_health on Twitter and Mercy Health Cincinnati on Facebook).