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EAU CLAIRE – HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital is moving in a new direction. As a result, Julie Manas, President and CEO of HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital, is no longer with the organization.

Leadership from Hospital Sisters Health System (HSHS) and the Board of Directors of HSHS Sacred Heart and St. Joseph's hospitals appreciate Manas' service to HSHS during the past six years and wish her well as she begins this new chapter in her career. HSHS leadership and the Board of Directors intend to quickly appoint a new Division President and CEO.

During her tenure with HSHS, Manas guided HSHS Sacred Heart and St. Joseph's hospitals through changes in the local health care landscape and oversaw several successful renovation and expansion projects at both hospitals. She also worked to bring new physician services to the Chippewa Valley.

All of our colleagues serve our patients by providing high quality and compassionate care that focuses on the unity of body, mind and spirit. HSHS remains deeply committed to our two hospitals' mission and caring for everyone in the community.

Mary Starmann-Harrison, the President and CEO for HSHS, will serve as the interim President and CEO for HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital until a permanent leader is appointed.

"Bringing about change requires perseverance in a dynamic environment. We have an expert team and we are positioned to continue doing what we do best, which is taking care of our patients," said Starmann-Harrison. "We look forward to continuing our 130-year-old health care ministry and providing innovative, high quality, patient-centered care to residents in the Chippewa Valley for years to come."

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About HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital

<u>HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital</u> is sponsored by Hospital Sisters Ministries, the <u>Hospital Sisters of St.</u>

<u>Francis</u> is the Founding Institute, and it is an affiliate of <u>Hospital Sisters Health System</u>. Since 1889, it has been meeting patient needs in western Wisconsin with the latest medical innovations and technology, together with a Franciscan whole-person healing tradition.

About Hospital Sisters Health System

Hospital Sisters Health System's (HSHS) mission is to reveal and embody Christ's healing love for all people through our high quality, Franciscan health care ministry. HSHS provides state-of-the-art health care to our patients and is dedicated to serving all people, especially the most vulnerable, at each of our 15 Local Systems and physician practices in Illinois (Belleville, Breese, Decatur, Effingham, Greenville, Highland, Litchfield, Shelbyville and Springfield) and Wisconsin (Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire, Oconto Falls, Sheboygan, and two in Green Bay). HSHS is sponsored by Hospital Sisters Ministries, and Hospital Sisters of St. Francis is the founding institute.