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Trinity Health CEO to Retire Later This Summer

STEUBENVILLE, OHIO (June 6, 2016) – Fred Brower, president and CEO of Trinity Health System, will retire in early September of this year after nearly 40 years with the organization.

Brower joined the former Ohio Valley Hospital (OVH) as an assistant administrator in 1976. When Tri-State Health Services, then the parent of OVH, and Sylvania Franciscan Health formed a joint venture to create Trinity Health System in 1996, Brower was named its first president and CEO.

Under Brower’s leadership, Trinity Health has evolved into an integrated community health delivery system with an expanded level of services. Among a vast array of health and wellness services Trinity Health has added over the years are a comprehensive cancer center, a cardiac program with open-heart surgery, and the YMCA Wellness Center at St. John Arena. The regional system includes Trinity Medical Center-East and Trinity Medical Center-West, both in Steubenville; Trinity Hospital Twin City, a critical access hospital in Dennison, OH; and a network of more than 230 physicians. In November 2014, Trinity Health System became an affiliate of Catholic Health Initiatives (CHI), a national non-profit, faith-based health system.

Mark Morelli, chairman of the Trinity Health System Board of Trustees, praised Brower for his efforts in improving health care in the Upper Ohio Valley. “Fred was the driving force behind the affiliation of the two Steubenville hospitals, which led to a more vibrant and effective health care delivery system. He has also worked tirelessly in the areas of wellness with the partnership with the YMCA and the improvement of cancer and cardiac-related services. Through his leadership, Trinity Health System has become a regional health care provider and his legacy will continue to be recognized for decades to come.”

Morelli and CHI officials said an interim CEO will be named soon and a process is in place to ensure a smooth and seamless leadership transition for the system, its patients and the community.

Reflecting on his career, Brower said, “At Trinity Health System, our focus has always been about providing high-level, quality care close to home for the people of the Tri-State area. I am proud to have served with such a fine team of dedicated professionals and volunteers who will carry on this tradition of care and enhancement of health in the communities we serve.”

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