

St. Joseph Hoag Health Announces New Leadership

Three new chief executives and a regional chief operating officer are chosen to continue longstanding reputation for high quality and innovation

(IRVINE, CA, Jan. 11, 2017) Irvine, CA - based St. Joseph Hoag Health, an integrated health network, is announcing several executive changes. The changes will support the vital initiatives being carried out by the distinguished network of seven hospitals, 1,625 aligned physicians, 26 urgent care centers, 7 wellness corners and a vast array of programs and services throughout Orange County and the High Desert.

“As trusted names for Southern Californians, we're pleased to continue growing and changing so that we can fulfill our vision of improving the health of our communities. This new team of leaders will help us achieve our goals,” says Richard Afable, MD, chief executive officer of St. Joseph Hoag Health and the executive vice president of the Southern California Region Orange County/High Desert of Providence St. Joseph Health.

A new position of chief operating officer (COO) for acute care delivery will be assumed by Lee Penrose, who previously served as president and chief executive officer of St. Jude Medical Center in Fullerton. Penrose will work collaboratively with system leaders to oversee acute care operations across Orange County and the High Desert region. Penrose brings more than two decades of executive leadership, strategy development and expert management to the role, which he began January 3, 2017.

With Penrose leaving St. Jude, Brian Helleland has been named its next chief executive. Helleland previously held the medical center's chief operations officer role, leading St. Jude to achieve top-tier performance in service, quality, and financial strength. Helleland also collaborated with physicians and medical group members to redesign approaches to quality, patient safety and peer accountability. Prior to joining the organization, Helleland held executive leadership roles at Eisenhower Medical Center, Phoenix Baptist and Western Arizona Regional Medical Center.

Mission Hospital, a member of the St. Joseph Hoag Health network in South Orange County, also appointed Tarek Salaway its new chief executive, effective Dec. 12, 2016, leading both Mission Hospital's Mission Viejo and Laguna Beach campuses. Salaway previously has held the hospital's chief operating officer role since October 2015, leading Mission's efforts to achieve significant improvements in quality, patient satisfaction and employee engagement, as well as the growth of high performing and reputable clinical programs and specialties. Prior to joining Mission Hospital, Salaway was COO at Keck Medical Center of the University of Southern California and held previous executive positions with Stanford Health Care and Providence Health & Services.

St. Joseph Hospital of Orange has announced the retirement of its current chief executive officer, Steven C. Moreau, in late March 2017. Moreau led a distinguished career as a health care executive at Hoag Hospital and San Antonio Regional Hospital before coming to St. Joseph in 2010.

His successor will be Jeremy Zoch, PhD, the current executive vice president and chief operating officer for St. Joseph Hospital. Zoch worked closely with Moreau to lead the hospital's many successful performance and clinical improvement initiatives. Before joining St. Joseph Health, Zoch served as COO

of Mercy Hospitals of Bakersfield and was the senior administrator for orthopedics at the University of Maryland.

St. Joseph Hoag Health's two other hospital chief executives remain in their roles – Robert Braithwaite, president and chief executive officer of Hoag Hospital in Newport Beach and Irvine, and Alan Garrett, president and chief executive officer of St. Joseph Health, St. Mary in the High Desert.

“We have important work ahead of us in this changing health care environment, and I am confident this new leadership team will build innovative partnerships and infrastructures to benefit our patients and communities,” Dr. Afable says. “As the most-recognized health care provider in the region, St. Joseph Hoag Health is committed to making high-quality health and wellness services convenient and accessible to all members of our communities.”

About St. Joseph Hoag Health

St. Joseph Hoag Health is a historic alliance for Orange County and the High Desert, laying the foundation for sweeping changes in the delivery and accessibility of high quality health care. As a combined organization, St. Joseph Hoag Health has earned some of the highest honors for medical care, including Magnet designation for its hospitals (the highest honor bestowed to hospitals for nursing excellence), and "best of" listings in US News & World Report. Drawing upon the strengths of its renowned hospitals and physician network, St. Joseph Hoag Health focuses on meeting the challenges of health care today, including expanding and diversifying access, improving wellness and preventive services, ensuring quality and developing more efficient methods in the delivery of care. The network includes seven hospitals (Hoag Newport Beach, Hoag Irvine, Hoag Orthopedic Institute, Mission Hospital Mission Viejo, Mission Hospital Laguna Beach, St. Joseph Hospital Orange and St. Jude Medical Center), 26 urgent care centers, 8 medical groups, 425 primary care physicians, and 1,200 specialists. It has also developed the nationally recognized Wellness Corners, which bring services for health and well-being right to some of the region's largest business and residential centers. The network is also affiliated with CHOC Children's and CHOC Children's at Mission Hospital. For additional information, visit <http://www.stjosephhoaghealth.org/>.