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Southwest Health System Announces Interim Chief Executive Officer David Faulkner

Cortez, CO – (February 2, 2023) – David Faulkner will become Southwest Health System (SHS) Interim Chief Executive Officer effective February 2, 2023. Faulkner has decades of executive healthcare experience and insight across operations, strategic planning, practice management, contract negotiations, and revenue enhancement.



The SHS Board of Directors, along with Community Hospital Consulting, confirmed Faulkner's appointment following the February 1, 2023 resignation of Jeanie A. Gentry, who served as CEO since January of 2022.

"We wholeheartedly welcome David to our hospital and community," said Shirley Jones, SHS Board Chair. "We are committed to our mission, to provide the highest quality health care to our community by bringing excellence, value and service together to promote, improve and restore health."

In its management role of SHS, Community Hospital Consulting continues to steer the organization's performance improvements, from operational efficiencies and clinical excellence to cost reduction through supply chain optimization and supply savings. CHC Consulting is the consulting arm of Plano, Texas-based Community Hospital Corporation or CHC.

Faulkner most recently served as Interim CEO for Montrose Regional Health, Montrose, Colo. for nearly a year. He is a seasoned CEO with nearly 30 years of experience improving hospital operations and performance through a broad base of skills and a commitment to build consensus with all team members, from physicians and employees to Board and community members.

Faulkner is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives. He graduated from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois with a Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Management and earned a Master of Science degree in Health Services Management from the University of Missouri-Columbia.



Southwest Healthcare System Senior Leadership

The SHS senior leadership team also includes: Julie Leonard, Chief Financial Officer; Lisa Gates, Chief Nursing Officer; Travis Parker, Chief Human Resource; Chuck Krupa, Chief Information Officer/Public Information Officer; and Will Jansen, Practice Administrator.

About Southwest Health System

Southwest Health System operates Southwest Memorial Hospital, a critical access hospital, and Southwest Medical Group's six clinics providing primary and specialty care services. SHS provides over 50 service lines to the community. SHS is a private, not-for-profit corporation operating under all guidelines and regulations for non-profits and is also governed by a volunteer board. For more information, visit www.swhealth.org.

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