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New CEO Selected for Cook County Health System

CHICAGO - William Foley, a health care executive with more than 35 years of experience, has been selected as the Chief Executive Officer for the Cook County Health and Hospitals System (CCHHS), Warren Batts, Chairman of the CCHHS Board of Directors announced today.

In July 2008 the Board formed a committee which selected an executive recruiting firm and launched the search for a new CEO. A position profile was drafted with the input from board members, the medical staff and employees of the system.

The Board initially interviewed a diverse group of eight candidates. After multiple follow-up interviews the Board selected Mr. Foley as the best candidate to lead the CCHHS at this critical time.

Mr. Foley, who was officially selected at the Monday meeting of the CCHHS Board of Directors, brings an extensive background of working with organizations that seek to implement change. He is currently a Managing Director with Wellspring Partners, a Division of Huron Consulting.

He has many years of experience working with not-for-profit hospitals, multi-diverse groups, and health systems across the United States. He reorganized budgets, brought needed expertise to the organizations and met deadlines.

"I have been serving as the Interim CEO of Natividad Medical Center in Salinas, Ca. for the past two years, where we have achieved a financial turnaround of over \$35 million," Foley said. "As the County Hospital for Monterey County, CA, Natividad's mission is to serve the poor and underserved with a significant minority population."

In Cook County "I will lead the development of a strategic plan to deal with the multicultural needs of our community while taking into consideration everyone's needs," Foley added.

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Prior to joining Wellspring, Mr. Foley was the CEO at Provena Health. While at Provena, Mr. Foley restructured the system office and significantly improved the financial performance of the system. Prior to Provena, he was the Regional President of Catholic Healthcare West (CHW) in Phoenix, AZ. Before working for CHW, he was a Regional President of Catholic Health Initiatives (CHI) in Philadelphia where he was responsible for multiple hospitals and long-term care facilities.

Mr. Foley has been an active member of the boards of both the Illinois Hospital Association and the Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council. He is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives. He earned his B.A. from St. Louis University and his MHA from Xavier University. He plans to make his home in Chicago, Illinois.

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