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Presence Health Announces New President of Presence Saint Francis Hospital

4/10/17 (Chicago, Ill.) – Presence Health, the largest Catholic health care system in Illinois, today announced the appointment of Kenneth Preston Jones, MHA, and MBA as the new President of Presence Saint Francis Hospital (PSFH) of Evanston, Illinois.

Jones joins Presence Health with nearly 20 years of experience as a leader in hospital administration and clinical operations. In his most recent position, he was Chief Executive Officer at St. Joseph Hospital, a 191-bed, full-service hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana, that includes a multispecialty wound care/hyperbaric program, an accredited chest pain center and the region’s only verified burn center. During his tenure there, Jones improved overall “Very Satisfied” employee satisfaction scores, recruited 10 new physicians, led renovations of the surgical suites (\$6 million) and cardiac cath labs (\$2 million), and championed the hospital’s high reliability and safety initiatives, reducing the number of serious safety events.

Prior to this role, Jones was the Chief Executive Officer at The Orthopedic Hospital of Lutheran Health Network in Fort Wayne, where he achieved 90th percentile in overall physician satisfaction and improvement in overall “Very Satisfied” employee satisfaction scores. During his tenure, outpatient surgeries increased by almost 10 percent.

In addition, Jones has served as Chief Executive Officer at Heekin Orthopedic Specialists in Jacksonville, Florida, where he managed the day-to-day operations of a large medical group practice, which included four patient care clinics and three physical therapy locations.

Jones earned a Bachelor of Science in biology at Florida A&M University in Tallahassee, Florida., and a Master of Healthcare Administration/Master of Business Administration at University of Minnesota, Carlson School of Management, in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Jones takes a great interest in the communities he serves, as he participated as a board member of Big Brothers, Big Sisters (Northeast Indiana), the Fort Wayne Urban League, and the Downtown Improvement District.

Jones will be succeeding PSFH Interim President and Presence Health Sam Bagchi, MD and officially assume his position on Monday, May 1, 2017.



Kenneth Preston Jones MHA, and MBA

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About Presence Saint Francis Hospital

Presence Saint Francis Hospital is a nationally recognized, full-service hospital with a Level I Trauma Center and is listed as one of the Best Hospitals in Metro Chicago by U.S. News & World Report. As home to the first Chest Pain Center on Chicago's North Shore and a Primary Stroke Center certified by the Joint Commission, Presence Saint Francis Hospital has a rich history of providing top quality care and leading edge technologies. Presence St. Francis Hospital has been designated a Magnet Hospital by the American Nurses Credentialing Center, placing it in the top seven percent of U.S. hospitals for nursing excellence.

About Presence Health

Presence Health is the largest Catholic health system in Illinois, serving over 4 million people in 11 counties. With over 150 sites of compassionate care including 12 hospitals, over 17,000 associates and more than 4,000 medical professionals, Presence Health has annual revenue of \$2.6 billion.