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Niagara Lutheran Health System Announces New CEO

Lancaster, New York, February 29, 2016: Niagara Lutheran Health System (NLHS) has



announced that after a national search process, Chris Koenig has been selected to become the new CEO of NLHS beginning April 19, 2016. He succeeds the current CEO, Jurgen Arndt, who is retiring after a highly successful 41 years of service to the organization. Most recently, Mr. Arndt led the organization through the design and development of the GreenField campus, a state-of-the-art continuing care retirement community located in Lancaster, offering independent living, assisted living, memory care, enhanced assisted living, skilled nursing, respite care, subacute rehabilitation and outpatient therapy to today's seniors.

Koenig currently serves as Vice President of Post Acute Care for Erie County Medical Center Corporation (ECMC), located in Buffalo, where he is responsible for oversight of long term care, subacute care, transitional care, palliative care, rehabilitation, ECMC Internal DSRIP relations, and the Medical Rehabilitation Unit. He also serves as an adjunct professor for State University of New York at Buffalo's School of Public Health and Health Related Professions.

During his tenure with ECMC, Chris's efforts led to significant increases in the organization's Medicare ranking for quality of care and its enhancement of services. He was also instrumental in the organization's successful development of the Millennium Collaborative Care DSRIP grant. Chris began consulting with ECMC in August 2014 through Rehab Ultra Consulting/The McGuire Group. Prior to ECMC, Chris served The McGuire Group from 2007 through 2015, culminating in his role as Administrator of Rehabilitation, where he provided oversight of all rehabilitation operations of six facilities in NYS and one facility in Detroit Michigan. He also became a Managing Consultant and Partner of Rehab Ultra Consulting, a consulting firm developed through The McGuire Group. Chris stated, "Mr. Arndt is truly one of the most respected leaders of senior care in Western New York. I am honored to be chosen as his successor and excited about continuing the outstanding success of this organization in providing the highest quality of care to those it serves as we move forward in today's challenging healthcare environment."

Chris holds an MBA in Business Administration (concentrations of Finance and Health Care Administration), University at Buffalo, The State University of New York; and a Doctorate Degree in Physical Therapy from University at Buffalo, The State University of New York. Professional Licensures include Nursing Home Administration, New York, and Physical Therapy, New York. Chris, his wife, Elizabeth, and their two children, Christian and Vivian, live in Lancaster, NY.