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UHS hospital's dual CEO-COO resigns

St. Mary's Regional Medical Center in Enid, Okla., is seeing a change at the top with the resignation of the leader who served as both its COO and interim CEO.

The 229-bed hospital, part of King of Prussia, Pa.-based Universal Health Services, announced the resignation of COO and Interim CEO Chris Jones April 19, according to *Enid News & Eagle*. Mr. Jones served as COO for more than two years and as interim CEO since December 2023.

Mr. Jones said he accepted a new leadership role with an unnamed hospital in Missouri, which is closer to family, according to the local news outlet.

In the wake of Mr. Jones' departure, St. Mary's Regional Medical Center will welcome back Krista Roberts, who retired in 2023 as CEO of the hospital after 33 years with the organization and six as CEO. Ms. Roberts will fulfill the role in an interim capacity until a new CEO is identified.

Becker's has reached out to St. Mary's Regional Medical Center and will update this story as more information is made available.

3 CEO retirements in 3 days

Becker's recorded three health system CEOs' retirement announcements between April 16 and April 18, adding to a growing list of exits in 2024:

1. Jim Woodward is retiring as president and CEO of Trinity Health Mid-Atlantic: a Philadelphia-based region of Livonia, Mich.-based Trinity Health, which includes five hospitals across Pennsylvania and Delaware. He served eight years in the role, and will officially step down Jan. 3, 2025.
2. Kathryn Correia is retiring as president and CEO of Legacy Health as the health system works to finalize a merger agreement with Oregon Health & Science University. The two Portland-based entities hope to complete the transaction this year, pending regulatory approval.

George Brown, MD — who served as Legacy CEO from 2008 to 2018 — has been selected to lead the health system again. He will transition into the role and assume it in full by July 1; Anna Loomis, Legacy's CFO and acting CEO, will continue to lead in the interim ahead of her planned departure to join another health system.

3. Michael Israel will retire as president and CEO of Westchester Medical Center and the Westchester Medical Center Health Network in Valhalla, N.Y., at the end of 2025. He served nearly two decades in the role.

- **Providence Oregon taps chief executive**

Jennifer Burrows, RN, was named chief executive of Providence Oregon, effective May 6, according to a message to staff from Joel Gilbertson, chief executive of the Providence Central Division.

- **HealthSource of Ohio taps new president, CEO**

Loveland-based HealthSource of Ohio, a community health center, has tapped Jody Prather, MD, as its new president and CEO, effective May 30.

- **HCA Idaho hospital names new CFO**

Caldwell, Idaho-based West Valley Medical Center, part of Nashville-based HCA Healthcare, has named Jared Rucks CFO.

- **New York health system names network VP of revenue cycle**

Valhalla, N.Y.-based Westchester Medical Center Health Network has named Vanessa Mackay network vice president of revenue cycle, according to an April 22 post on her LinkedIn page.

- **Adventist HealthCare CEO heading to Health First**

Terry Forde, president and CEO of Gaithersburg, Md.-based Adventist HealthCare, will step down from his role this summer.

- **Ascension names new head of marketing**

Dino Rhodes has been named vice president and head of marketing at St. Louis-based Ascension.

- **314-bed Texas hospital taps president**

Methodist Health System has selected Michael Stewart as president of Methodist Charlton Medical Center in Dallas.

- **Ardent taps DEI leader from IU Health**

Nashville, Tenn.-based Ardent Health has tapped Lisa Gutierrez as vice president of diversity, equity and inclusion.

- **Sentara hospital appoints 2 new execs**

Sentara Northern Virginia Medical Center in Woodbridge has welcomed two new leaders to its executive team: Heather Casseaux, MSN, NP, has been named vice president of operations and Debra Lee, MD, has been named chief medical officer.

- **CEO to exit Atrium hospital in Georgia**

Luis Fonseca is leaving his role as CEO of Atrium Health Navicent Baldwin hospital in Milledgeville, Ga., The Union-Recorder reported April 21.

- **AdventHealth hospital taps chief nursing officer**

AdventHealth Lake Wales (Fla.) appointed Jewels "Julie" Stark chief nursing officer

- **AdventHealth names hospital CEO**

Michelle Fuentes has been named president and CEO of AdventHealth Castle Rock (Colo.), effective May 27.

- **CHI Health Nebraska hospital taps new president**

CHI Health St. Francis in Grand Island, Neb., part of Omaha, Neb.-based CHI Health, has tapped Steve Schieber as its president, effective May 12.

- **Georgia health system taps CFO**

Brunswick-based Southeast Georgia Health System has appointed Stephen "Jan" Grigsby Jr. vice president and CFO, effective April 29.

- **Trinity splits hospital president's duties in succession plan**

Shelleye Yaklin is retiring as president of Trinity Health Grand Haven (Mich.) after 17 years in the role, leading its parent system to reassign leadership responsibilities amongst other hospitals' executives.

- **Vanderbilt exec takes new role at Tufts**

Jessica McAllister joined Tufts Medicine April 15 as vice president of clinical operations.

- **Renown Health taps new CFO**

Reno, Nev.-based Renown Health has tapped Anna Loomis as CFO, effective July 1.

- **Johns Hopkins Medicine taps CFO**

Baltimore-based Johns Hopkins Medicine has named Cherly Sadro senior vice president and CFO.

- **Trinity Mid-Atlantic CEO to retire**

Jim Woodward is retiring as president and CEO of Trinity Health Mid-Atlantic, which is based in the Philadelphia area and includes five hospitals across Pennsylvania and Delaware.

- **CEO of Oregon system to retire amid merger talks**

Kathryn Correia is retiring as president and CEO of Portland-based Legacy Health, the system said in an April 17 news release.

- **HSHS names CEO to oversee market, 4 hospitals**

Hospital Sisters Health System has named Robert Erickson president and CEO of its Wisconsin Market.

- **Mercy taps president in Oklahoma**

Bennett Geister is the new president of Mercy Hospital Oklahoma City Communities.

- **Tenet taps CFO of Massachusetts market**

Jeffrey Thomas has been named CFO of Dallas-based Tenet Healthcare's Saint Vincent Hospital in Worcester, Mass., and Tenet's Massachusetts market.