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**ST. ELIZABETH'S HOSPITAL, BELLEVILLE  
NAMES INTERIM PRESIDENT AND CEO**

BELLEVILLE, IL – Sharon D. Timmons, has been named the Interim President and Chief Executive Officer of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, effective March 17, 2010.

Timmons succeeds Kevin Shrake in the top management position at St. Elizabeth's. Shrake resigned to pursue other career opportunities.

“Our goal is to ensure that this important healing ministry continues and grows for patients, their families and the community for many generations to come,” said Larry P. Schumacher, Chief Operating Officer of HSHS. “As we continue this journey, we are guided by our dedication to the mission of the Hospital Sisters Health System and the commitment of St. Elizabeth's staff to the people of Belleville and the surrounding communities in southwest Illinois.”

Prior to joining St. Elizabeth's, Timmons served as Chief Executive Officer of St. Mary's Hospital in Streator Illinois, an 80 bed facility also an affiliate of the Hospital Sisters Health System. Timmons has also served as Chief Executive Officer for Unity HealthCare, a 255-bed facility in Muscatine Iowa and has held the position of Chief Operating Officer a New Hanover Health Network an 855 bed facility with 4,400 employees in Wilmington, North Carolina.

St. Elizabeth's has a rich tradition of providing the highest level of patient care by highly skilled and qualified staff members" Stated Timmons. "I look forward to working with physicians, nurses and technicians to ensure that patients have the most positive experience possible."

Timmons holds a Master of Science from the Ohio State University, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Capital University in Columbus Ohio, an Associates Degree in Applied Science from Columbus Technical Institute and is formerly a Licensed Practical Nurse. Sharon and her husband Steve make their home in North Carolina with their two horses, two dogs and a cat.

The Hospital Sisters of St. Francis founded St. Elizabeth's Hospital 135 years ago in a small school house in Belleville. Today, with more than 500 licensed beds and more than 1,600 employees, St. Elizabeth's is one of the oldest and largest health care providers in the Southwestern Illinois, offering specialized services unique to the community.

The Hospital Sisters Health System is a Roman Catholic health care mission founded by the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis to continue the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. The Hospital Sisters Health System provides state-of-the-art medical care framed in traditional values taught by St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi.

With more than 14,900 staff, the 13 HSHS hospitals are located in Wisconsin at Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire, Sheboygan, and two in Green Bay. In Illinois, the hospitals are located in Belleville, Breese, Decatur, Effingham, Highland, Litchfield, Springfield and Streator.

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