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Hospital Sisters Health System names Stephanie McCutcheon HSHS President and CEO *McCutcheon is first lay person to lead System*

SPRINGFIELD, IL – December 15 --Sister Joan Winkler, OSF, Provincial Superior of the Hospital Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis, announced that Stephanie McCutcheon has accepted the offer to be the new Hospital Sisters Health System (HSHS) President and CEO. McCutcheon was named HSHS Interim President and CEO on August 16.

“Our goal for the System under Stephanie’s leadership is to ensure that we are positioned to further the Catholic Church’s mission of caring for the poor, sick, and needy,” Winkler said. HSHS is a multi-institutional healthcare system that owns and operates 13 hospitals – eight in Illinois and five in Wisconsin.

McCutcheon’s priorities include assessing and recommending a governance/management system, implementing models of physician and hospital relationships, enhancing operating performance, and reviewing information technology. “I am grateful to the Sisters for this opportunity to guide their hospitals in redesigning healthcare as we meet the demands of those who come to our facilities for care. In doing so, we will experience the next level of success in each market across our two States,” McCutcheon said.

McCutcheon has Catholic healthcare experience and brings to HSHS extensive knowledge of best practices in leadership, management, finance, and operational expertise. She is a Catholic lay woman who is committed to supporting the mission of the Church through the adoption of the newer approaches to Catholic sponsorship, governance, and management along with a focus on Mission Integration and our Franciscan heritage.

McCutcheon served as President and CEO of SSM Health Care Saint Louis and led this System through reorganization of governance and ownership. She also served as its Central Regional Vice President and transformed SSM from highest to lowest cost provider in Saint Louis over a two-year period. In addition, she was the chief operating officer of Bon Secours Health System, Marriottsville, Maryland, where she grew annual net revenues and increased operating income over a five-year period.

About HSHS

Founded in 1978, HSHS owns and operates 13 hospitals in Illinois and Wisconsin. HSHS is a ministry of the Hospital Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis, Springfield, IL – a religious Congregation in the United States since 1875. The primary mission of HSHS is to provide a structure whereby the Sisters continue the mission of the Catholic Church in caring for the sick, poor, and needy. The Illinois hospitals include St. Elizabeth’s, Belleville; St. Joseph’s, Breese; St. Mary’s, Decatur; St. Anthony’s Memorial, Effingham; St. Joseph’s, Highland; St. Francis, Litchfield; St. John’s, Springfield; and St. Mary’s, Streator. The Wisconsin hospitals include St. Joseph’s, Chippewa Falls; Sacred Heart, Eau Claire; St. Mary’s Hospital Medical Center, Green Bay; St. Vincent, Green Bay; and St. Nicholas, Sheboygan. For more information, visit www.hshs.org or www.hospitalsisters.org