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Regional Medical Group Selects New President

PENSACOLA, Fla. -- Sacred Heart Health System, Providence Health System, and Ascension have named Bob Murphy as the new president of the Sacred Heart/Providence Medical Group.

Both Sacred Heart Health System based in Pensacola and Providence Health System in Mobile, Ala., are part of Ascension, the nation's largest non-profit health system and the world's largest Catholic health system. Murphy will lead the region's largest network of physicians, nurse practitioners and other healthcare providers. Together, the combined Sacred Heart and Providence healthcare network covers a 300-mile span of the Gulf Coast with offices from Pascagoula, Miss. to Apalachicola, Fla.

In his healthcare career, Murphy has worked as a nurse, paramedic, attorney, hospital administrator and hospital chaplain. For the past 10 years, he served as a senior leader and international speaker with the Studer Group, where he worked closely with healthcare leaders across the United State to improve care to patients. Many of his years in healthcare were spent at Baptist Healthcare in Pensacola where his roles included senior vice president and administrator, chief operating officer, Life Flight program director, and trauma nurse coordinator.

Murphy holds a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of South Alabama, a master's degree in public administration from Troy University, and a law degree from Stetson University College of Law.

"Bob is recognized as an innovative leader and motivator who can help us transform and improve the way we provide care to our patients," said Susan Davis, president and CEO of Sacred Heart Health System. "We are confident that Bob will be a tremendous addition to our team and will lead the Medical Group to continued growth and a higher level of service and patient satisfaction."

About Ascension Health

Ascension (www.ascension.org) is a faith-based healthcare organization dedicated to transformation through innovation across the continuum of care. As the largest non-profit health system in the U.S. and the world's largest Catholic health system, Ascension is committed to delivering compassionate, personalized care to all, with special attention to persons living in poverty and those most vulnerable. In FY2015, Ascension provided nearly \$2 billion in care of persons living in poverty and other community benefit programs. Approximately 160,000 associates and 36,000 aligned providers serve in 2,500 sites of care – including 141 hospitals and more than 30 senior living facilities – in 24 states and the District of Columbia. In addition to healthcare delivery, Ascension subsidiaries provide a variety of services and solutions including physician practice management, venture capital investing, investment management, biomedical engineering, clinical care management, information services, risk management, and contracting through Ascension's own group purchasing organization.