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Richard Tanzella named CEO of East Jefferson General Hospital

New Orleans, LA – LCMC Health is pleased to announce the selection of Richard Tanzella as the new CEO of East Jefferson General Hospital. Tanzella will assume his role on February 1, 2021 and will lead a staff of nearly 3,000 and manage a \$100 million capital transformation.

“All of us at LCMC Health welcome Richard’s leadership at a hospital that for 50 years has been a vital asset to our community,” said Greg Feirn, CEO of LCMC Health. “I am confident Richard will help East Jefferson General Hospital continue its commitment to our mission of delivering extraordinary healthcare.”

Tanzella has more than 25 years of healthcare experience, most recently with Piedmont Healthcare, Inc., a \$4B integrated healthcare system in Atlanta, Georgia that includes 11 acute care hospitals with more than 2,500 beds, the Piedmont Heart Institute, Piedmont Transplant Institute, Piedmont Physicians Group, and the Piedmont Clinic.

“I am excited to join East Jefferson General Hospital during this significant transition to the LCMC Health family,” Tanzella said. “This hospital holds a special place in the community it serves and being in a position to lead the team in its cultural transformation during this historic time in healthcare is an opportunity I welcome.”

Since 2017, he served as Chief Executive Officer of Piedmont Rockdale Hospital. During his tenure, he directed the transaction and transition of the first for-profit hospital into the Piedmont Healthcare system. He also led the financial and cultural transformation of Piedmont Rockdale Hospital, focusing on quality, safety, and service with a focus on accountability and team/talent building. Prior to that, he served from 2009-2017 as Chief Operations Officer of the Piedmont Physician Enterprise, which included more than 2,500 providers, and was Vice President of Cardiovascular Services for Piedmont Hospital.

Tanzella holds a bachelor’s degree of Science in Healthcare Administration and a Master of Health Administration, both from Florida Atlantic University.

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About LCMC Health

Established in 2009, LCMC Health is a Louisiana-based, not-for-profit hospital system serving the healthcare needs of the Gulf Coast region. LCMC Health currently manages Children’s Hospital New Orleans, East Jefferson General Hospital, New Orleans East Hospital, Touro, University Medical Center New Orleans, and West Jefferson Medical Center.

About East Jefferson General Hospital

East Jefferson General Hospital is a not-for-profit community hospital that was formed in 1965, opened its doors in 1971 and in 2020 joined the LCMC. The 420-bed hospital is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations and is Louisiana’s first Nurse Magnet hospital. For more information on East Jefferson General Hospital, visit online at www.ejgh.org.