Summerville Medical Center Appoints New Chief Operating Officer

Summerville, S.C. – Karl Leistikow assumed the role of Chief Operating Officer at Summerville Medical Center this month. Leistikow most recently served as Vice President of Operations at Trident Medical Center. “Karl has been heavily involved with successful program development at Trident Medical Center, most recently with the medical center earning designation as a Level II Trauma Center,” remarked Lisa Valentine, CEO of Summerville Medical Center. “We are fortunate to bring someone on board who is familiar with our vision as a healthcare provider. Given the demands for services that rapid growth presents to our community, Karl’s knowledge of the region is a tremendous asset to Summerville Medical Center.”

In 2007 Leistikow began in the Physician Services sector of Hospital Corporation of America (HCA), the parent company of Summerville Medical Center. He worked as the HCA South Atlantic Division Director of Project Management before serving as VP of Operations at Trident Medical Center. For the last three years, Leistikow oversaw contracted services, outpatient clinics, emergency management and the development of the Level II Trauma program. In preparation for Level II Trauma accreditation, Leistikow supervised emergency room and operating room renovations. He also oversaw construction of the inpatient and outpatient behavioral health units and construction of Centre Pointe Emergency in North Charleston.

Summerville Medical Center, a 94-bed acute care hospital, offers a number of specialty services such as pediatrics, women’s services, and robotic, bariatric, and reflux surgeries. Leistikow will be responsible for overseeing strategic growth for a number of these services through facility growth and service line development.
A native of Wisconsin, Leistikow completed his Bachelor of Arts in Biology from Ripon College. He went on to receive his Master of Public Health and Master of Business Administration degrees from the University of Alabama. He resides on Daniel Island with his wife and two children.

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*Trident Health is a 407-bed HCA hospital system comprised of two acute care hospitals - Trident Medical Center and Summerville Medical Center - as well as two free standing emergency departments- Centre Pointe Emergency and Moncks Corner Medical Center. The Joint Commission recently named Trident Health as one of the nation’s top hospitals for quality and safety for the fifth year in a row. Other noteworthy services include a Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence, an award-winning Heart Center, the Trident Breast Care Center, and the South Carolina Institute for Robotic Surgery. Accredited by The Joint Commission, Trident Health is committed to providing quality health services along with wellness information and opportunities to the communities it serves. For more information about Trident Health, visit www.tridenthealthsystem.com or call 843.797.7000.*