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Pardee Board names Gerald Maier Interim CEO

(Hendersonville, N.C.) The Board of Directors of the Henderson County Hospital Corporation has named Gerald Maier, FACHE, interim President/CEO of Pardee Hospital.

“Mr. Maier has been a greatly respected, highly regarded leader in our community and we welcome him on board as we continue the search process for the permanent president and CEO at Pardee Hospital,” stated Bill Lapsley, Chairman of the Board. “We are extremely confident in the ability of Mr. Maier to lead Pardee through this time of transition and also very confident in our staff and management who are continuing to provide high quality healthcare to our community.”

Maier is well known in the community and at Pardee Hospital. He currently serves on the Blue Ridge Community Health Services Board of Directors and as board campaign chair of the Henderson County United Way. Maier is a Hendersonville Rotary Club member. His background includes serving as the president and CEO of University of Oklahoma Medical Center in Oklahoma City, Okla. and University & Children’s Hospitals in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Maier will officially begin his position with Pardee on Tuesday, Jan. 4, and is working with Kris Hoce, Pardee’s outgoing President/CEO, to ensure a smooth transition.



Hoce has accepted a position leading Morton Plant Hospital in Clearwater, Fla., which will provide significant career advancement. Morton Plant is part of Morton Plant Mease and the Baycare Health System.

The Board's Executive Committee has established a Search Committee to oversee the selection process for Pardee's next President/CEO. The Pardee Board of Directors has hired the McAulay Firm in Charlotte, NC, to conduct the search. The selection process is expected to take approximately six months.

According to Lapsley, "The Pardee Board will periodically update Pardee associates, medical staff, volunteers and the community about the CEO selection process as we proceed in the coming months."

Pardee Hospital is a not-for-profit community hospital founded in 1953. The main hospital is licensed for 222 acute care beds and is the second largest employer in Henderson County. The hospital has several locations separate from the main campus, including an adult day services center, a health education center in the Blue Ridge Mall, home care services, a rehab and wellness center, a midwifery program, various family and internal medicine practices, and an urgent care facility. For more information or to find a physician, call 1-866-790-WELL (9355) or visit

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