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New CEO Brings Expertise

GALION – A new President and CEO has been named for Galion Community Hospital. Jerome B. Morasko will begin his duties as the hospital's chief executive officer on April 13. Morasko's appointment completes a five-month search following a retirement announcement by LaMar L. Wyse last November. As hospital President and CEO, Morasko will be responsible for the overall management of the hospital, including administration, financial operations, patient care services, support services, clinical services and medical affairs. Wyse has held the position since October of 2004.

"Jerry brings a background to this position that fits the priorities that we have established. He understands the concept of a community hospital and recognizes the importance of maintaining excellence," commented Charles Walker, Chair for the Galion Community Hospital Board of Directors. "His familiarity with Critical Access Hospitals is impressive, and with Galion Community Hospital's designation in this area, his operational understanding is very valuable to us."

Morasko brings over 16 years as a chief executive officer and six years of experience as a chief financial officer. His healthcare experience includes managing acute care hospitals, physician practices, long-term care facilities and an assisted living facility. He

has managed organizations located in isolated rural areas, isolated areas next to a regional health care system and a competitive urban market. His new role at Galion Community Hospital will incorporate his knowledge of healthcare finance, board governance, and a strong understanding of the relationship between physicians and the healthcare organization.

Morasko was actively involved in developing and initiating the nation's first critical access hospital. A Critical Access Hospital (CAH) is a hospital that is certified to receive cost-based reimbursement from Medicare. CAHs are certified under a different set of Medicare Conditions of Participation that are more flexible than the acute care hospital requirements for reimbursement. GCH has operated as a CAH since 2004.

Originally from Montana, Morasko served as CEO at rural Marias Medical Center for 12 years before moving to Ishpeming, Michigan, and Bell Memorial Hospital. "Like Marias, Bell Memorial Hospital is community interest driven, and heavily allied with physician services," describes Morasko. "Physician relationships are a vital part of every facet of healthcare. It's an area of great interest to me. I am pleased to see that Galion Community Hospital has an established physician group already in place."

Morasko received his bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Montana, and his Master of Health Administration Degree from Montana State University in Billings. In addition to holding CEO positions in healthcare, he has also been heavily involved in finance and was Chief Financial Officer for six years at Glendive Medical Center in Glendive, Montana.

The new CEO admits that although his hospital duties will demand most of his time and attention, he also enjoys a few hobbies. Traveling is one pastime he expects to continue, including plans to return to his home state of Montana for wild game hunting. An avid golfer, he intends to pursue his hobby while living in Crawford County. In addition, he maintains an interest in motorcycles.

Relocating from the Amherst area, Morasko will be moving to Galion immediately.

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