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PeaceHealth names Oregon-based chief operating officer

SPRINGFIELD, Ore. - Tyler Hedden will join PeaceHealth Oregon as chief operating officer (COO). His first day at PeaceHealth will be Monday, Oct. 4.



As Oregon network COO, Hedden will assume leadership over our four hospitals' operations, with a focus on clinical excellence, top quartile quality outcomes, operational efficiency and experience and leading a Lean culture for our ministry. Creating a highly engaged leadership team and providing the best care at the lowest cost are top priorities. In addition to network-wide responsibility for assigned areas and service lines, Hedden also will be responsible for implementing our network's business/community partnerships and growth opportunities in partnership with the System Strategy team.

"Tyler comes to us from Providence Sonoma County in California, where he most recently served as chief executive," said Todd Salnas, PeaceHealth Oregon chief executive. "Tyler has more than 20 years of progressive experience in the healthcare industry, providing executive and operational leadership for acute care hospitals; 15 of his 20 years of experience have been in Catholic healthcare settings. His focus on clinical excellence, operational efficiency and experience, and community partnerships make him a great addition to our team."

"Having started my career as a nurse assistant, I learned how important the frontline caregiver role is in the overall care and healing of patients," Hedden said. "I'm truly committed to the caregiver, the patient and the mission of Catholic healthcare to increase access to quality, safe and affordable care for all, especially those who are poor and vulnerable."

After receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree in biology and chemistry from Drury University in Missouri, Hedden received a master's in healthcare administration from Washington University School of Medicine, also in Missouri.

About PeaceHealth: PeaceHealth, based in Vancouver, Wash., is a not-for-profit Catholic health system offering care to communities in Washington, Oregon and Alaska. PeaceHealth has approximately 16,000 caregivers, a group practice with more than 900 providers and 10 medical centers serving both urban and rural communities throughout the Northwest. In 1890, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace founded what has become PeaceHealth. The Sisters shared expertise and transferred wisdom from one medical center to another, always finding the best way to serve the unmet need for healthcare in their communities. Today, PeaceHealth is the legacy of the founding Sisters and continues with a spirit of respect, stewardship, collaboration and social justice in fulfilling its Mission. Visit us online at peacehealth.org.