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St. James Mercy Hospital Welcomes Three New Board Members

May 14, 2012...Hornell, NY...Three community leaders have joined the board of directors of St. James Mercy Hospital (SJM). Susan Gray, Peggy Gorman, RSM, and Eric Weyand were elected to the Hospital board effective April 2012.

Susan Gray of Hornell, New York, is CEO of GSG Consulting, LLC and has extensive experience as a psychologist, educator and administrator. She operates a private practice and has served as superintendent of schools for Hornell and Penfield school districts and as an administrator for the Steuben-Allegany BOCES. Dr. Gray has also taught at the University of Rochester, SUNY Brockport, Alfred University, City College of New York, and Hornell City Schools, and has served as a consulting psychologist for SJM's psychiatric care unit. She has a bachelor degree in psychology and French, masters in school psychology and educational administration, and Ph.D in educational psychology.

Peggy Gorman, RSM, is a member of the Sisters of Mercy of the New York, Pennsylvania, Pacific West Community. She joins SJM with extensive hospital experience, having previously served on the boards of Catholic Health East (of which SJM is a member); Catholic Health System, Mercy Health System, Kenmore Mercy, and Mercy Hospital (Buffalo); and St. Jerome Hospital (Batavia). Sister Peggy also served as president of the Sisters of Mercy, Regional Community in Buffalo; board chair at Mt. Mercy Academy; and was a teacher and principal at various Catholic schools in the Buffalo area. A certified chaplain, she has a bachelor degree in education from Medaille College and masters in education/administration from Marygrove College. Sister Peggy resides in Buffalo, New York.

Eric Weyand of Hornell, New York, is the founder and Director of Research and Development of AIMS, Inc. (Animal Identification and Marking Systems), a manufacturer of research products in Hornell since 1998. Dr. Weyand previously served as an adjunct associate professor of chemistry at Alfred University, and has held various administrative and teaching positions at Rutgers University. He has a bachelor degree in biology from Concord College, masters in natural science from SUNY Buffalo, and Ph.D in biochemistry from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He also has published numerous works in his areas of expertise.

“We are delighted to welcome these accomplished, dedicated professionals to our board,” said Mary Fran Wegman, RSM, SJMH board chair. “As St. James Mercy Hospital readies for healthcare reform and the challenges and opportunities that go with it, we will look to these individuals and our entire board for leadership and support. They will guide us in our ministry of serving the poor and disadvantaged, to ultimately provide the community with the highest level of quality and service.”

SJMH’s volunteer board is comprised of fifteen members drawn from Hornell and surrounding communities in St. James Mercy’s service area, as well as representatives from the Sisters of Mercy, SJMH’s sponsoring community in Catholic Health East. For more information visit www.stjamesmercy.org.



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