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St. James Mercy Appoints New Interim Chief Nursing Officer

January 17, 2014...Hornell, NY....St. James Mercy Hospital (SJM) has announced that Kathleen Brodbeck, RN, MS, NEA-BC, will join the Hospital as interim Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) effective January 6, 2014. Ms. Brodbeck is filling a position that has been vacant since November 2013.

Ms. Brodbeck will oversee all inpatient and outpatient clinical services at St. James Mercy Hospital. Her responsibilities will also include implementing and reinforcing national hospital standards for clinical practice, and developing leadership and additional services to position SJMH for the future.

According to Jennifer Sullivan, Interim President and CEO, the position of CNO is not only a requirement but a vital component for SJMH. "As we quickly implement our vision of transforming SJMH to meet the future needs of our community, the CNO position is integral to the success of this strategy. Ms. Brodbeck brings extensive leadership background to SJMH, as well as a strong commitment to high-quality patient centered-care, and we welcome her experience and ideas."

Ms. Brodbeck is a Certified Nurse Administrator, Advanced Nurse Executive and Wharton Certified Nurse Executive, and attained a Master of Science in Medical/Surgical Nursing from Russell Sage College and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from SUNY Plattsburgh. For twenty five years she has held senior nursing positions at St. Peter's Health Partners (Albany) including Vice President, Chief Nursing Officer; Vice President, Operations; Vice President, Patient Care Services; Director, Medical Nursing; and Chairperson, Nursing Quality Assurance. She also served as a Nurse Manager and Staff Nurse during her career at St. Peter's. She has published and presented numerous works on nursing, quality, and healthcare organizational topics. Ms. Brodbeck also was past president of the New York State Organization of Nurse Executives, and 2012 Business Woman of the Year for the Capitol District.

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“I am very excited about joining SJMH and working with the entire organization to help transform the hospital to a new model to meet the community’s needs,” said Ms. Brodbeck. “This hospital has consistently met or exceeded state and national clinical quality standards, both at the hospital and nursing home. It is a privilege to join an organization that clearly demonstrates that patient and resident safety is the number one priority.”

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Kathleen Brodbeck, St. James Mercy Hospital's
interim Chief Nursing Officer