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**Lee Health Welcomes New Chief Human Resources Officer**

(Fort Myers, Fla. – June 27, 2018) --- Michael Wukitsch has joined Lee Health as Chief Human Resources Officer. In his new role, Wukitsch is responsible for all employee-related operations across the health system including benefits and compensation, recruitment and workforce management.

Wukitsch has 25 years' experience in HR management for large companies with 13 years in health care, providing leadership for HR process improvement efforts, building employee satisfaction and managing organizational change.

"We are very excited to add Michael to our team. He brings extensive leadership experience with large and diverse health care systems and an excellent track record of building collaborative relationships within those systems," said Larry Antonucci, M.D., MBA, Lee Health President & CEO.

Wukitsch most recently served as the Vice President of Human Resources for Northwestern Memorial Healthcare in Chicago, where he was responsible for the business unit HR Business Partners across all hospitals and outpatient sites as well as system-wide responsibility for HR operations. Northwestern Memorial Healthcare is an academic health system comprised of seven hospitals and 60 outpatient facilities in the Chicago metro area. The system has more than 25,000 employees.

Before that, Wukitsch served as the Executive Vice President, Human Resources for Cadence Health in the Chicago area, and Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer for Children's Hospital Colorado, located in the Denver metro area. He also served as Director of Human Resources – Operations for Coors Brewing Company in Golden, Colorado.

Wukitsch has an MBA from the University of Michigan Ross School of Business and is completing his Ph.D. in Organizational Learning, Performance and Change at Colorado State University.

Wukitsch replaces Jon Cecil, who retired in May after more than 40 years with Lee Health.

**About Lee Health**

*Since the opening of the first hospital in 1916, Lee Health has been a health care leader in Southwest Florida, constantly evolving to meet the needs of the community. A non-profit, integrated health care services organization, Lee Health is committed to the well-being of every individual served, focused on healthy living and maintaining good health. Staffed by caring people, inspiring health, services are conveniently located throughout the community in four acute care hospitals, two specialty hospitals, outpatient centers, walk-in medical centers, primary care and specialty physician practices and other services across the continuum of care. Formerly known as Lee Memorial Health System, the organization began its second century of service with a new name in 2016. Learn more at [www.LeeHealth.org](http://www.LeeHealth.org).*