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Lee Health Welcomes New Chief Foundation and Development Officer
Former FGCU Vice President, Chris Simoneau, joins Lee Health

(Fort Myers, Fla. – Mar. 21, 2019) --- Chris Simoneau has joined Lee Health as Chief Foundation and Development Officer. In his new role, Simoneau will be responsible for Lee Health’s strategic direction and oversight of the Lee Health Foundation, brand development, marketing, internal and external communications and community relationships in alignment with Lee Health’s Mission, Vision, Values and strategic objectives.

Simoneau has more than 25 years’ experience in institutional development and fundraising. He comes to Lee Health from Florida Gulf Coast University, where he served as Vice President of University Advancement and Executive Director of the FGCU Foundation for the past six years. His experience in overseeing fundraising and marketing communications functions will strengthen Lee Health’s bond with Southwest Florida and support its continued development as the health system grows with the community.

“We are excited to welcome Chris to our team. His expertise will allow Lee Health to continue to foster a close relationship with our community and pursue innovative health care services for our patients,” said Larry Antonucci, M.D., MBA, Lee Health president and CEO. “Chris is well-known throughout Southwest Florida and will help continue the health system’s strong track record of community involvement and philanthropy.”

While at FGCU, Simoneau’s expertise and network of relationships throughout the region allowed him to successfully implement a three-year, \$100 million comprehensive campaign in conjunction with the university’s 20th anniversary. FGCU surpassed the campaign’s goal by over \$27 million.

Simoneau has a BS in Finance from Villanova University and an MBA from Columbia University. Prior to moving to Southwest Florida, he also worked in development at universities in Massachusetts and Ohio. He has served in a variety of professional and community service roles, including the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, Moorings Park Foundation, Southwest Florida Regional Economic Development Alliance, and the Association for Fundraising Professionals. He recently joined the Independent Sales Surtax Oversight Committee for Lee County Schools.

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. Learn more at www.LeeHealth.org.