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Lee Health Taps Veteran Industry Executive to Lead IT

Rick Schooler brings over 35 years' experience in information technology

(Fort Myers, Fla. – Sept. 5, 2019) --- Lee Health has named Rick Schooler as its new chief information officer (CIO). In this role, Schooler will oversee operational management, planning, organizing and strategic direction of the information systems/information technology (IT) function for the health system.

“Rick brings a wealth of leadership experience to this role and has a proven track record of driving success wherever he’s gone,” said Larry Antonucci, M.D., MBA, Lee Health president and CEO. “We’re fortunate to have someone with his background and expertise in this essential role and look forward to his vision for Lee Health’s digital direction.”

Schooler’s career spans 28 years in healthcare and nine years outside of healthcare. He joined Lee Health after serving as vice president and CIO at Orlando Health where he was responsible for information technology, telecommunications, clinical informatics, enterprise analytics, quality reporting, biomedical engineering, supply chain and a group-purchasing organization. Before joining Orlando Health, he was the vice president and CIO at Central Georgia Health System (Navicent Health).

Rick is active in a variety of professional activities, including membership in the American College of Healthcare Executives (FACHE), the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (FCHIME) and the Healthcare Information Management and Systems Society (FHIMSS). He previously served on the boards of HIMSS Analytics, HIMSS North America, CHIME, the Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida and the Healthcare Center for the Homeless. Rick is also an Emeritus Advisory Board member of KLAS, a healthcare IT research firm.

Throughout his career, Rick has received multiple awards and recognitions including the prestigious John E. Gall Healthcare CIO of the Year, CHIME Innovator of the Year and was named a Purdue University Distinguished Technology Alumnus.

Rick earned his MBA from the University of Indianapolis and a bachelor’s degree in computer and information technology from Purdue University. He is also a Certified Healthcare CIO (CHCIO) and a board-certified executive coach.

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.