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SMH Names New Chief Financial Officer

PLYMOUTH, N.H. --- Speare Memorial Hospital has officially appointed Richard F. Werkowski as Chief Financial Officer. Werkowski has been serving in an interim capacity since August of 2009 and officially took over as CFO in February.

As CFO Werkowski looks to fill a number of roles, including assisting senior management with financial planning and strategic planning ideas, as well as managing all financial services for SMH . “I enjoy working in small community hospitals and being able to work closely with the staff, senior management and board of directors,” says Werkowski. “With 20 years of senior healthcare financial management experience at various places of various sizes, I get to bring ideas to benefit Speare as it moves forward,” says Werkowski.



SMH President/CEO Michelle McEwen, FACHE, agrees, “Having many years of experience in the hospital and healthcare setting, especially with larger hospitals, Rick brings a helpful outside perspective, particularly during these challenging times. The CFO is such a key position and given that Rick had served in an interim capacity, he proved to be right fit.”

Werkowski brings a wealth of experience in healthcare finance to the SMH senior management team. Receiving his undergraduate degree from Northeastern University and his master’s from Babson College, Werkowski has spent most of his career in the New England area. Most recently, Werkowski worked for Leaders of Today, a national leader in interim and permanent healthcare management staffing, which brought him to Speare. Prior to that he worked in senior level finance positions at three different health systems in Connecticut.

Over the years Werkowski has done a fair amount of vacationing around the White Mountain Region, skiing local mountains like Waterville Valley, Loon, and spending time on Lake Winnepesaukee. With his appointment at SMH Werkowski looks to make his time here more permanent and is in the process of relocating from Connecticut to his new home in Meredith.

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