



National Health Care Publication Recognizes Four OSF HealthCare Hospital Leaders as “CEOs to Know”

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(July 10, 2019 | Peoria, IL) – A highly respected national health care publication is recognizing four OSF HealthCare hospital leaders as being among its “70 Critical Access Hospital CEOs to Know – 2019.” The [Becker’s Hospital Review](#) list represent presidents and CEOs who regularly lead efforts in patient safety and quality healthcare.

According to Becker’s, the leaders oversee rural hospitals with 25 beds or fewer and several have overseen hospital expansions, mergers and electronic health record implementations as well as the construction of satellite clinics and strategic partnerships.

The OSF HealthCare Leaders recognized include:

- **Jackie Kernan, MSN, RN. President of OSF HealthCare Saint Luke Medical Center (Kewanee, Illinois)**
- **Dave Lord, President of OSF HealthCare St. Francis Hospital & Medical Group (Escanaba, Michigan.)**
- **Patty Luker, President of OSF Holy Family Medical Center (Monmouth, Illinois)**
Dawn Trompeter, President of OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center (Mendota, Illinois)

This is the second year in a row Trompeter and Luker have made the Becker’s list of “Critical Access Hospital CEOs to Know.” Jackie Kernan’s leadership strengths have also been recognized within OSF HealthCare. She was recently named to succeed Luker and starting next month, Kernan will lead both OSF Saint Luke and Holy Family Medical Center, dividing her time among both facilities.

“It is rewarding to see our leaders recognized as top tier administrators in rural health care which has its own unique challenges that force hospital executives to think creatively to deliver the highest quality care possible to patients,” said Roxanna Crosser, chief executive officer of the Western Region for OSF HealthCare. “Our leaders’ use of innovative technology, resource sharing, plus their ability to recruit excellent providers and build strong community partnerships has allowed us to aggressively tackle the complex issues of access, quality, and financial stability that face rural health care providers.”

In announcing the latest list, Becker’s indicated the leaders hold important roles within their communities, serving on corporate boards and state-level initiatives to improve access to care.

“Hospitals in most rural communities are the largest employer and so we recognize their vitality is closely linked to the economic well-being of the residents who live there,” said Carol Friesen, chief executive officer for OSF HealthCare’s Northern Region. Friesen points out, “Our hospital presidents work closely with community leaders to address overall community needs such as transportation and food insecurity – just some of the obstacles that prevent access and impact the health and wellness of patients we strive to serve.”

[Here is a complete list](#) of Becker’s Hospital Review “70 Critical Access Hospital CEOs to Know.”

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