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Slidell Memorial Hospital appoints new Chief Nursing Officer Carol McCullough

(Slidell, La. –June 10, 2010)—Slidell Memorial Hospital (SMH) this month appointed Carol McCullough, RN, MN, FACHE, to oversee all nursing operations as its new Chief Nursing Officer (CNO).

In this role, McCullough manages SMH's nursing operations, including evaluations, strategy and implementation, care delivery and daily activities, in order to provide excellent service and quality care to all patients. She began her duties on April 1, 2010.

McCullough, a registered nurse, is a graduate of the University of South Carolina with both a bachelor's and master's degree in nursing. Having CNO experience in not-for-profit and for-profit hospitals, McCullough came highly qualified for the position at SMH. She was CNO at Methodist Hospital for more than 20 years. After Methodist Hospital's closure following Hurricane Katrina, McCullough became CNO in 2006 at Central Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, where she was named Health Management Association's CNO of the year for 2008. McCullough also served in the U.S. Navy Nurse Corp and was director of nursing at Charleston County Hospital in South Carolina.

"Carol brings a wealth of experience to SMH and I am confident she will contribute to continuing to strengthen the role of our nurses in providing exceptional patient care," said SMH Chief Executive Officer Bob Hawley.

ABOUT SMH

Slidell Memorial Hospital is a full-service 182-bed acute care not-for-profit community hospital located at 1001 Gause Blvd., in the heart of Slidell. Founded in 1959, SMH is the third-largest employer in St. Tammany Parish, employing 1,100 full, part-time and pool clinical and administrative employees. SMH serves as a primary healthcare resource for families in St. Tammany Parish, La.; Pearl River County, Miss.; and the greater Mississippi Gulf Coast region. It is located online at <http://www.slidellmemorial.org>.

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