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Lewis County General Hospital Announces New CEO



Lowville, New York --The Lewis County General Hospital Board of Managers has appointed Gerald R. Cayer, MPH as Chief Executive Officer effective July 31, 2017.

Interim CEO, Michele Prince will continue her leadership role as the Chief Operating Officer. Her ability to inspire, energize and connect with physicians, staff and community will prove an invaluable member of the management team.

The search committee is confident in Jerry's healthcare and management qualifications. He brings a solid foundation and approach to his new role, with 20 years in hospital finance, management, operations and business development experience.

Mr. Cayer has held leadership roles in acute care, long-term care, residential and educational centers for persons with disabilities, and municipal health and human services. Over his tenure at Franklin Community Health Network and Franklin Memorial Hospital in Farmington, Maine, he served as the Chief Operating Officer, Executive Vice President and Vice President. Previously, Cayer led the Health and Human Services Department for the City of Portland, Maine's largest city.

Jerry earned a Master of Public Health degree from Boston University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Community Health Education from the University of Maine at Farmington. He is also a graduate of the Maine Development Foundation's Leadership Maine program.

In 2015 Cayer along with several others co-authored a community health study published in the January 13 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association: Community-Wide Cardiovascular Disease Prevention Programs and Health Outcomes in a Rural County, 1970-2010. JAMA, 313(2), 147-155.

Cayer has held many leadership roles in health and human services, in not for profit organizations and education: Chair, Board of Visitors, University of Maine at Farmington; Chair, MPH Advisory Committee, Muskie School, University of Southern Maine; Member, DHHS and Maine Hospital Association Licensing Reform Committee; President, Board of Directors, Maine Lung Association; Board of Directors, Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice; Treasurer, Kennebec Montessori School; Appointed, Navigation/Point of Access Subcommittee, Maine Department of Human Services; and Appointed, State of Maine Policy Academy on Chronic Homelessness.

Jerry is active in high school and youth sports, and has coached basketball and baseball. He is also an active IAABO basketball official and baseball umpire. Cayer is a former United States Marine.

Jerry and his wife, Tami, have three children and live in Waterville, Maine.

"With Jerry and Michele's broad-based healthcare and financial management experience, they are the hospital's dream team. There is no doubt, it's the right team, at the right time." said Michael F. Young, president Board of Managers.

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