

Lou Galdieri Named President of Morton Plant Hospital, West Region Market Leader

CLEARWATER, Fla., (Nov. 26, 2018)— BayCare Health System has named **Lou Galdieri** president of Morton Plant Hospital and market leader for the West Region. In this role, he will be responsible for the operations at Morton Plant Hospital, Mease Countryside Hospital, Mease Dunedin Hospital and Morton Plant North Bay Hospital. In addition, he will work with other BayCare leaders to coordinate all BayCare activities in this market.

Galdieri has served as president of Mease Countryside and Mease Dunedin hospitals since 2009. He's filling the position following the departure of **Kris Hoce**.

"Lou has proven himself to be a very capable leader and has earned the respect of team members, physicians, and community leaders alike," said **Glenn Waters**, executive vice president/COO of BayCare Health System. "I am confident he will be successful in this new role."

"His strategic vision and unfailing commitment to excellence will serve us well as we continue to grow to serve the community."

Galdieri joined BayCare in 2000 as a part-time nurse recruiter and advanced to director of planning and administration for the Mease hospitals. In his time with the organization, he has been actively involved in the building of the Mease Countryside Medical Arts Building, the Shaffer Tower, the partnership between St. Joseph's Children's Hospital and Mease Countryside, and extensive renovations of Mease Dunedin, including a new critical care unit, the emergency department and the cafeteria. He's been leading the way on Mease Countryside expansion and renovation.

Galdieri is known as a tireless advocate for advancing patient care and for supporting team members.

He began his career as a nurse more than 30 years ago. At Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia, he held a variety of leadership and nursing positions, including clinical director and patient and staff relations roles.

Galdieri earned a Master of Science degree in health administration from Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia in 1999. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from LaSalle University in Philadelphia and a nursing diploma from the Community Medical Center School of Nursing in Scranton, Pa.

He is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives, the Florida Organization of Nurse Executives, and the American Hospital Association, and serves on the Clearwater Free Clinic Board. In addition, he's a past board member of the Safety Harbor Chamber of Commerce, and past board chairman of the Dunedin Chamber of Commerce.

Waters said BayCare will immediately begin the process of identifying someone to fill Lou's previous role at Mease Countryside and Mease Dunedin hospitals.

About Morton Plant Mease

Nationally recognized for health care excellence, Morton Plant Mease Health Care is dedicated to providing community owned health care services that set the standard for high-quality, compassionate care. Morton Plant Mease Health Care is comprised of the following hospitals – Morton Plant, Clearwater; Mease Dunedin, Dunedin; Mease Countryside, Safety Harbor and Morton Plant North Bay, New Port Richey. For more information about Morton Plant Mease, go to www.baycare.org/about-us/morton-plant-mease.

About BayCare Health System

BayCare is a leading not-for-profit health care system that connects individuals and families to a wide range of services at 15 hospitals and hundreds of other convenient locations throughout the Tampa Bay and central Florida regions. Inpatient and outpatient services include acute care, primary care, imaging, laboratory, behavioral health, home care, and wellness. Our mission is to improve the health of all we serve through community-owned, health care services that set the standard for high-quality, compassionate care. For more information, visit BayCare on the Web at www.BayCare.org.