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Catskill Regional Medical Center Hires New CEO

LENEXA, Kan. (November 17, 2011) — After conducting a nationwide [executive search](#) led by healthcare leadership solutions firm B. E. Smith, Catskill Regional Medical Center (CRMC) in Harris, N.Y., has hired Frederick H. Kuriger, FACHE to fill the role of chief executive officer. A seasoned healthcare executive with more than 30 years of senior leadership experience, Kuriger will assume his new duties at CRMC on December 30, 2011.

“Fred is a visionary leader who consistently delivers outstanding patient satisfaction scores, employee and physician engagement, and financial growth,” said Scott Batulis, CEO and president of Greater Hudson Valley Health System, which serves as the governing organization of CRMC. “We’re confident in his ability to develop trusting physician and community relationships while creating the ideal experience for patients, families, physicians and employees.”

The main campus of CRMC in Harris offers a wide range of healthcare services, including emergency, surgery, a birthing center, adult day healthcare, skilled nursing unit, cancer care, a bio-chemical dependency and mental health unit, wound care, rehabilitation, cardiac and cardio-pulmonary care, a blood bank, laboratory and imaging. The organization also provides community health services at its Grover M. Hermann Hospital Division in Callicoon.

“Catskill Regional Medical Center was seeking a seasoned executive with proven experience instilling and leading a culture of forward-thinking patient care delivery and service line development. Fred brings the exact skills they were seeking,” said Mark Madden, vice president and practice leader of senior executive search for B. E. Smith, the leadership solutions firm that conducted the nationwide CEO search for CRMC.

Prior to joining CRMC, Kuriger served as Executive Vice President/Chief Operating Officer/Corporate Responsibility Officer at Seton Health System in Troy, N.Y. His career has included senior leadership positions at Valley Regional Hospital in Claremont, N.H.; Stamford Health System in Stamford, Conn.; and Bradley Memorial Hospital in Southington, Conn.

Kuriger is a graduate of Tufts University in Medford, Mass. He completed a master’s degree in business administration at the University of Connecticut in Stamford and a master’s degree in public health from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, Mass. Kuriger is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and is a member of the Healthcare Financial Management Association.

About Catskill Regional Medical Center:

A member of the Greater Hudson Valley Health System (GHVHS), Catskill Regional Medical Center (CRMC) is dedicated to providing the highest quality healthcare to residents of Sullivan County and neighboring communities at its main hospital campus in Harris, N.Y., and at the Grover M. Hermann Hospital Division in Callicoon. The sole community provider of healthcare in Sullivan County, CRMC offers the most technologically up-to-date methods of diagnosis and treatment and is accredited by The Joint Commission. For more information, visit www.crmcny.org.

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