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Cape Native Named Chief Medical Officer, Vice President of Physician Services at SoutheastHEALTH

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SoutheastHEALTH President and CEO Ken Bateman announced that Matthew Janzow, MD, has been named Chief Medical Officer (CMO) and Vice President of Physician Services, effective September 30, 2019. Janzow, a Cape Girardeau native, comes to SoutheastHEALTH with extensive leadership experience in the medical field.

Janzow's focus will be ensuring that the physicians working at SoutheastHEALTH have what they need to provide the highest quality patient care. He added that "another priority item is to ensure that SoutheastHEALTH has a well-rounded panel of physicians on staff so that patients have access to the services they need."

The Chief Medical Officer's role, Janzow said, "is to ensure high quality patient care and be an advocate for the physicians who work in the hospital as well as foster a culture of collaboration to make it as easy as possible for physicians to practice in the hospital. The CMO is the bridge between the Medical Staff and the rest of hospital Administration. In this part of the role, the CMO is a communication channel between Administration and the Medical Staff that should be able to clearly translate information in familiar language each way."

As CMO, Janzow noted that his primary goal is to continue to build SoutheastHEALTH's competitive position in the regional market and help posture the hospital for future success in the rapidly changing environment of healthcare.

Janzow, a surgeon, has been affiliated with Victoria Surgical Associates in Victoria, TX, for the past 15 years. The group provides general surgery services to a population of about 200,000. He held leadership positions with DeTar Navarro Hospital, part of the DeTar Healthcare System in Victoria, most recently as Chief of Staff. Prior to that he served as Vice Chief of Staff and Chairman of Quality Council. Janzow also served as Department of Trauma chief and Trauma Medical Director.

Janzow is a Navy veteran. From 2001 to 2003, he was attached to the Portsmouth Fleet Hospital in Portsmouth, VA. His service with the fleet hospital included deployment during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Prior to that, he provided general surgery services to the USS Enterprise and her Battle Group. He is a recipient of the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

Bateman said Janzow comes to SoutheastHEALTH with an impressive general surgery background and a wealth of physician leadership experience that includes a strong background in quality process improvements and regulatory compliance.

“I’m extremely pleased about having a Washington University-trained physician who was raised locally. His keen insights from private and military practice combined make him a perfect fit for this role,” Bateman added. “He understands, and appreciates, the lives of our physicians and will leverage that understanding to further position Southeast’s Medical Staff physicians for ongoing success in the future.”

Janzow completed his undergraduate work at Southeast Missouri State University. He received his MD degree from the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. He is currently working toward a Masters of Business Administration at the University of Wisconsin.

He added that he is happy to be returning home. “My family has longstanding ties to Southeast Hospital. I worked at Southeast while I was in college. My mother worked there for decades. I have many friends from childhood, college and residency who work at Southeast Hospital, not to mention all the people who are friends of my wife who also work at the hospital.”

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