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OhioHealth names new Senior VP, General Counsel

Former General Counsel at Northwestern Memorial Hospital takes the helm

COLUMBUS, Ohio – OhioHealth announced today that Earl J. Barnes, II, Esq., has been named the new senior vice president and General Counsel for OhioHealth. Barnes replaces Frank Pandora, II, Esq., who retired after 34 years at OhioHealth.

Barnes comes to OhioHealth most recently from the Chicago area where he served as vice president and General Counsel at Northwestern Memorial Hospital (NMH.)

Prior to joining NMH, Barnes was vice president of Legal Affairs and General Counsel at Rockford Health System. He also brings private practice experience having been a partner in the Chicago office of Gardner Carton & Douglas, which is now Drinker, Biddle, & Reath.

Barnes has a wealth of healthcare-related legal experience having been involved with hospitals, healthcare systems, insurance companies, physician groups, managed care organizations, home health agencies and more.

“Having a perspective from all of those areas will be critical to our continued success as our organization evolves and the healthcare world continues to grow in complexity,” said Dave

Blom, president and CEO of OhioHealth. “Beyond his legal expertise, he brings energy and passion and, most importantly, the values and commitment that are absolutely aligned with our organization.”

Barnes received his law degree from the University of Michigan Law School and his undergraduate degree from Lake Forest College. He is a member of the Lake Forest College Board of Trustees and an Officer of the Minority In-House Counsel Association. Barnes and wife, Lisa, have two children Nathan and Olivia.

About OhioHealth

OhioHealth is a nationally recognized, not-for-profit, charitable, healthcare organization with Methodist roots. Based in Columbus, Ohio, OhioHealth is currently recognized as one of the top five large health systems in America by Truven Health Analytics and has been for five years in a row. It is also recognized by FORTUNE Magazine as one of the “100 Best Companies to Work For” and has been for eight years in a row, 2007-2014.

Serving its communities since 1891, it is a family of 28,000 associates, physicians and volunteers, and a network of 12 member hospitals, 25+ health and surgery centers, hospice, home-health, medical equipment and other health services spanning a 40-county area.

OhioHealth member hospitals include OhioHealth Riverside Methodist Hospital, OhioHealth Grant Medical Center, OhioHealth Doctors Hospital-Columbus, OhioHealth Grady Memorial Hospital, OhioHealth Dublin Methodist Hospital, OhioHealth Doctors Hospital-Nelsonville, OhioHealth Hardin Memorial Hospital, OhioHealth Marion General Hospital, OhioHealth O’Bleness Hospital, OhioHealth MedCentral Mansfield, OhioHealth MedCentral Shelby and OhioHealth Rehabilitation Hospital. For more information, please visit our website at www.ohiohealth.com.