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MetroHealth Names Walter Jones, AIA, as Senior Vice President of Campus Transformation

(Cleveland) – The MetroHealth System names Walter Jones, AIA, as Senior Vice President of Campus Transformation.

Jones brings more than 20 years of leadership experience in hospital campus redesign and construction to The MetroHealth System. Most recently, he was Senior Vice President of Facilities Development at the Dallas County Hospital District's Parkland Health and Hospital System in Dallas, TX, where he managed the planning, design, development and programming of Parkland's approximate \$1.3 billion new 865-bed hospital and medical campus project.

Jones brings experience and skills that are vital to the success of MetroHealth's future campus transformation plans. While at Parkland, he oversaw the operation and management of over 500 employees in departments including Engineering, Planning, Design and Construction, Clinical Engineering, Real Estate, and Energy and Sustainability.

"Walter Jones' experience and accomplishments at Parkland Hospital couldn't be more on target for MetroHealth," said Akram Boutros, MD, president and CEO of The MetroHealth System. "As we begin the planning and design phases of MetroHealth's transformation, we, and the entire community, will benefit from Walter's proven leadership, and commitment to both fiscal responsibility and economic inclusion."

During his time leading the Dallas County Hospital District's facilities division, Jones exceeded diversity goals on projects involving the hiring of consultants and contractors. These efforts resulted in multiple recognitions including the 2012 Minority Business Leader Award from the Dallas Business Journal.

"MetroHealth's campus transformation is a unique opportunity for local companies to grow and expand," said Jones. "I hope to engage the minority population and encourage community participation in the projects ahead."

Prior to joining Parkland, Jones was an associate with Howell, Rusk, Dodson Architects in Atlanta, GA. While there, he oversaw projects including the major renovation and expansion of Atlanta's Grady Memorial Hospital and Northside Hospital Women's Center. Jones has been practicing architecture since 1979, and started focusing specifically on health care in 1990.

MetroHealth announced plans for a major campus transformation in May. Jones will play a vital role in overseeing MetroHealth's community conversation about the revitalization of its three million-square-foot main campus and the surrounding community.

Jones is a member of the American Institute of Architects and the Texas Society of Architects. He is LEED certified in sustainability design by the U.S. Green Building Council, and EDAC certified by the Center for Health Design in the principles of evidence-based design. He received his undergraduate degree from Princeton University and his master's degree in architecture from Clemson University.

He is married with three children.

About The MetroHealth System

The MetroHealth System is a public health system committed to providing health care to everyone in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, and improving the health of the community overall. Its 6,400 employees deliver care to everyone at its main campus, just west of downtown Cleveland, and at 16 health centers. MetroHealth is home to Cuyahoga County's only Level I Adult Trauma Center and Comprehensive Burn Care Center. In the past year, MetroHealth provided more than one million patient visits in its hospital and health centers.

MetroHealth also is an academic health center committed to teaching and research; each of its active physicians holds a faculty appointment at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. MetroHealth has earned Magnet status, which places it in the top 7% of all hospitals nationwide for nursing excellence.

MetroHealth's mission is, "Leading the way to a healthier you and a healthier community through service, teaching, discovery and teamwork." For more information, visit www.metrohealth.org.