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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

### **Eleanor Slater Hospital announces new Chief Medical and Chief Nursing Officers**

**(July 12, 2024)** — Brett Johnson, CEO of Eleanor Slater Hospital, announced today that Sue Ferranti, D.O., will serve as the hospital’s Chief Medical Officer.

Dr. Ferranti, who has been serving as interim Chief Medical Officer since January, assumes her new role on July 14.

“I am pleased that Dr. Ferranti has accepted the position of Chief Medical Officer,” Johnson said. “She has been on the physician team at Eleanor Slater Hospital for nearly 20 years and is known for her diligence and compassion, as well as her experience and knowledge. She has a long-term commitment to the hospital and its mission and values, as well as the revitalization of the hospital, and she is committed to helping this work move forward.”

Dr. Ferranti is a graduate of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and Providence College. She came to Eleanor Slater in 2005 and has been part of the pulmonary services/internal medicine team since then. Since 2015, she has been the hospital’s Medical Director of Respiratory Services, and since 2022 she has been the hospital’s Assistant Medical Program Director. This is in addition to serving as interim Chief Medical Officer on four occasions.

She was one of eight applicants for the CMO position.

“After many years here, it will be a privilege to serve as Chief Medical Officer on a permanent basis,” Dr. Ferranti said. “We have a wonderful staff, and I will do everything I can to help them care for our patients and ensure that Eleanor Slater Hospital is providing the best-quality care. I also look forward to working with our leadership team to continue the revitalization of the hospital and its mission to serve as a long-term acute care hospital.”

Also today, Johnson announced that Kimberly Kane will serve as the Chief Nursing Officer of Eleanor Slater Hospital.

Kane, who has more than 22 years of experience in nursing, is presently the Assistant Medical Director at the Rhode Island Department of Corrections and previously served as that Department’s Director of Nursing.

She has a master's degree in nursing from Boston College and, in addition to her role at the DOC, she serves as an on-call nurse practitioner for Foxboro, Mass.-based Wellpath, and is an assistant professor of nursing at Simmons University.

"We are pleased that Kimberly has accepted the position of Chief Nursing Officer. She will be a great asset to the hospital," Johnson said. "Like Dr. Ferranti, she brings extensive knowledge and experience to her role, and she understands the importance of providing the best care for patients."

Kane will assume her new position on August 11.

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