

- Rome Health names new CEO

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AnneMarie Walker-Czyz, RN, Ed. D., NEA-BC, has been selected as Rome Health's full-time President/Chief Executive Officer, effective March 1, announced Board of Trustees President Ankur Desai, M.D.

Mark E. Murphy, RN, NP, who has served as CEO since November 2019 will return to St. Joseph's Health and resume his role as Vice President, Chief Strategy Officer. At the Board's request, Murphy will continue to serve as a liaison between both organizations.

"The Board is grateful to Mark for serving as the hospital's Chief Executive Officer through the challenges of the COVID pandemic," Dr. Desai said. "He willingly extended his role beyond the initial 90-day interim period to provide stability. Now that we're on the other side of the recent surge, AnneMarie will lead us as we continue to advance our strategic objectives to provide easy access to the highest quality care here for our community."

"Last September, we welcomed AnneMarie to the senior leadership team as a consultant to provide additional operational support to the hospital to position us for long-term success," said Dr. Desai. "With her demonstrated leadership, we are pleased that she has accepted her new role as President and CEO. She has a proven track record for building strong teams to advance patient-centered care and deliver strong business results."

Walker-Czyz is a trusted leader with over two decades of service to St. Joseph's Health. In addition to her role as Chief Nursing Officer, AnneMarie served as the Vice President of Clinical and Educational Services and Chief Operating Officer at St. Joseph's Health.

Her experience in leading a nationally-recognized team of nurses and health care colleagues in the day-to-day delivery of compassionate patient care will assist Rome Health in its mission to deliver quality healthcare with compassion. Walker-Czyz will continue to foster strategic collaboration between Rome Health and St. Joseph's Health to collaboratively address the needs and care for the community.

"I am honored to have been selected for the role of President and CEO of Rome Health," said Walker-Czyz. "Building on its rich history, the hospital has transformed into a comprehensive health system. I am very pleased to be part of Rome Health's future as we welcome new providers and introduce new services for the health and well-being of our community."

Employed at St. Joseph's Health Hospital since 1997, Walker-Czyz earned her nursing degree from the St. Joseph's College of Nursing and completed her Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from the State University of New York Upstate Medical University. She also holds a Master of Science and Clinical Nurse Specialist degree from Upstate Medical University.

In 2015, Walker-Czyz graduated from St. John Fisher College earning an Education Doctorate degree in Executive Leadership. Research areas of interest have been in the impact of innovation adoption on quality and cost in nursing care. Walker-Czyz is also certified as a Nurse Executive from the ANCC.

Her passions lie in the promotion of shared governance and promoting nursing leadership at the point of care delivery, transforming acute care services to be consistent with the overall strategy for health care reform and developing multidisciplinary teams to achieve higher quality, safety, and patient engagement at a lower cost.

#### About Rome Health

Rome Health is a non-profit health care system based in Rome, N.Y., providing services to patients throughout Central New York. From primary and specialty care to long-term care, Rome Health delivers quality, compassionate medical care for every stage of life. We are a comprehensive health care system that connects you to the best clinicians and the latest technologies so they are easily accessible to you and your family. Rome Health is an affiliate of St. Joseph's Health and an affiliated clinical site of New York Medical College.

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