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Dr. Mark Matthias Named Chief Medical Officer of Rice Memorial Hospital

WILLMAR, Minnesota. (Sep. 9, 2009) – Rice Memorial Hospital has selected Dr. Mark Matthias to be their next Chief Medical Officer (CMO) and Associate Administrator for Medical Staff Resources following the retirement of Dr. George Gordon. “Dr. Matthias has the kind of skills and qualities we desire in a CMO, including extensive experience in the area of quality,” said Chief Executive Officer Mike Schramm. “We are excited to have him join our hospital. He will be a very good fit for Rice.” Matthias will begin his new position in early 2010.

As CMO, Matthias will be responsible for representing Rice physicians in planning, facilitation, implementation and operation of policies and programs that provide services and management support to physicians, physician groups and hospital medical staff. The CMO also supervises Medical Directors and Emergency Physicians, and provides direct patient care as a Physician in the Emergency Services Department for several shifts each month. “I am very excited about this opportunity to be the next CMO at Rice Memorial Hospital,” said Matthias. “Rice has an excellent reputation and I look forward to working with the staff and providers and becoming part of the Rice Memorial team.”

Matthias has been Chief Medical Officer of Mankato Clinic in Mankato, Minnesota, since 2006, where he supervised Clinical Directors and led several teams responsible for maintaining and improving clinical operations and performance, as well as quality and excellence initiatives. He was also instrumental in developing a collaborative joint Hospitalist Program between Immanuel St. Joseph Hospital and Mankato Clinic.

Matthias was Medical Director of Hutchinson Medical Center (HMC) from 2002 to 2006. He served as Head of Physician Recruitment for HMC from 1995-2002, and as Chief of Staff for Hutchinson Area Health Care from 1997-1999. He has thirteen years experience as a Comprehensive Advanced Life Instructor and has served as a part-time Emergency Physician since 1991. A Family Practice Physician, Matthias received his Doctor of Medicine Degree from the University of Minnesota in 1989.

Matthias was selected by “Minnesota Physician” as one of the top 100 influential Health Care Leaders in August 2008. He is a Rotarian, a member of Southern Minnesota Advocates, and a board member of Open Door Clinic. He founded Hutchinson Area MS, and has participated in four 50-mile MS Challenge Walks. He and his wife, Ronda, have three children.

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