

## **Dale Hustedt named interim Chief Executive Officer of Rice Memorial Hospital**



*WILLMAR, MN. (September 25, 2008)* – Rice Memorial Hospital’s Board of Directors has approved Dale Hustedt to be named Interim Chief Executive Officer as recommended by the Board’s Human Resources Committee. The appointment is effective immediately. Hustedt will serve as Interim Chief Executive Officer while the Board conducts a recruitment search to permanently fill the position vacated by Lawrence J. Massa.

Hustedt has been Associate Administrator of Rice Hospital since 2003. He moved to Willmar in 1995 to serve as their Director of Education and has overseen numerous functions during his tenure, including Facilities, Human Resources, Education, Cardiovascular Health and Rehab, Volunteer Services, Risk Management, Rice Diabetes and Nutrition Center, Food and Nutrition, Safety, Infection Control, Materials Management and Corporate Compliance. During his tenure at Rice, Hustedt completed a mini-MBA in Healthcare Management from the University of St. Thomas, and a Human Resources Generalist certification from the University of Minnesota-Carlson School of Management.

Dale Hustedt was born and raised in central Wisconsin. He received a bachelor’s degree in physical education from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in 1980. After teaching and coaching at the high school level, Hustedt completed a master’s degree in cardiac rehabilitation from the University of Northern Iowa in 1988. While at Northern Iowa, he was as an assistant coach for the University’s cross country and track and field teams.

In 1988, Hustedt became the first Executive Director of the Itasca Heart Project. The Project received national notoriety as the first-of-its-kind initiative leveraging the local medical community with a national pharmaceutical firm, a major health insurer, and a private foundation. Hustedt guided the Itasca Heart Project through its first three and one-half years of operation, establishing numerous community and medical programs and developing the Project into a non-profit corporation.

In 1991 Hustedt became Coordinator of Health Promotion at Moorhead State University. While at MSU he worked closely with the School’s academic, athletic and student services departments, developing curriculum and student programming. He also taught courses as an adjunct faculty and represented the University at numerous state and national meetings.

Hustedt is active in healthcare-related professional associations and in the community. He currently serves as Vice President on the Board of Directors of Community Christian School in Willmar. He lives in Willmar with his wife, Maria, and their two children, Allison and Seth.