

Wendy Ulferts, RN, Named Chief Nursing Officer of Rice Memorial Hospital



WILLMAR, Minnesota. (June 10, 2010) – Rice Memorial Hospital has selected Wendy Ulferts, RN, as Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) and Associate Administrator for Care Management. “I am pleased that Wendy has accepted this position. In my time at Rice I have been impressed with her unique ability to grasp the perspective of both the patient and the caregiver,” said Chief Executive Officer Mike Schramm. “She has a vision for what patient care should be and she exemplifies the Rice values.” Ulferts has been serving as Interim CNO since April.

As CNO, Ulferts is responsible for directing nursing and patient care services provided throughout the organization. She is responsible for designing and implementing processes and systems for integrated care delivery and ensures that standards for high quality care are met. “I am very excited for this opportunity to support all of the staff at Rice in ensuring we are providing excellent care to our patients and families,” said Ulferts. “We have such a great team; it is both humbling and a great privilege to lead them.”

Prior to her appointment as Interim CNO, Ulferts was Director of Acute Care Services at Rice where she oversaw the Adult Health Care and Women and Children’s departments. She also served as the Director of Inpatient Services for eight years and the Maternal Child Health Care Manager for almost four years. Ulferts began her career at Rice in 1994 as a staff nurse in the Obstetrics department.

In 1993, Ulferts earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Bethel University in St. Paul, Minn. She earned a Master of Arts in Nursing from the College of St. Scholastica, Duluth, Minn., in 1999. She is an active member of Business and Professional Women in Willmar.

Ulferts lives in Willmar, with her husband, Joe, and their twin daughters, McKenna and McKayla.

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