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## Mission Hospital Laguna Beach New Name of South Coast Medical Center

### Michael Beck Appointed Vice President, Operations

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**Mission Viejo, CA** – Mission Hospital today announces the appointment of Michael Beck as Vice President, Operations for Mission Hospital Laguna Beach (MHLB), which joins the Mission not-for-profit family at midnight on Tuesday, June 30. Beck will oversee all hospital operations, programs and activities of MHLB in coordination with Mission Hospital's Chief Executives, Peter F. Bastone, Chief Executive Officer; Kenneth McFarland, Chief Financial Officer; and Markie Cowley, Chief Operating Officer, to whom Beck will report. He also will be responsible for aligning MHLB with Mission Hospital's core values and business objectives as part of the St. Joseph Health System (SJHS).



“Having worked with Michael for nearly two decades, I know he has both the experience and expertise required to lead our Laguna Beach campus,” said Bastone. “He is an exceptionally strong executive who understands and appreciates what it takes to run the daily operations of a hospital. As executive leadership, we will align with Michael to provide much needed healthcare services for the coastal communities.”

In making the announcement, Cowley said, “With Michael's extensive knowledge of clinical operations and regulations, he is an incredible asset to Mission Hospital Laguna Beach. We look forward to working together to integrate the new campus into the Mission Hospital family.”

In accordance with California Department of Public Health (CDPH) regulations, the facility name is required to change with the transfer of ownership to Mission Hospital and SJHS. Because the hospital is operating under Mission Hospital's license, Mission Hospital had to be in the name and it had to be the first name listed.

Beck previously served as Vice President of Quality and Systems Improvement at Mission Hospital. In this role, he was directly responsible for establishing organizational systems and bringing together divergent perspectives to work toward common goals. He was also Mission's Compliance and Privacy Officer tasked with initiating procedures and practices to achieve and maintain state and federal healthcare regulatory requirements.

During his 17-year tenure with Mission Hospital, Beck has overseen development and execution of numerous hospital policies and procedures based on healthcare regulations including requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). Beck remains

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responsible for communication and implementation of the strict state and federal laws that govern the healthcare industry in protection of patient privacy rights. In 2003, he made a significant organizational change establishing regulatory preparedness as standard operation.

Prior to his work at Mission Hospital, Beck worked first as a clinical consultant and then clinical coordinator for RehabCare in St. Louis, Missouri. He assisted healthcare organizations in developing inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation programs, and designing systems and treatment protocols. He also prepared for regulatory surveys, as well as provided support with the hiring and orientation of administrative staff.

A graduate of Abilene Christian University in Texas, Beck holds a master's degree in Speech Pathology from the University of Oklahoma Health Science Center. He also maintains his California License in Speech Pathology and holds a certificate of Clinical Competency from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. In 2002, he was granted Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality status by the Healthcare Quality Certification Board which recognizes professional and academic achievement by individuals in the field of healthcare quality management.

A native of Orange County, Beck is married with two sons, is an avid reader and enjoys spending time with his family. In his time away from the hospital, he acts as a surveyor for the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, an accreditation process that distinguishes rehabilitation and human services providers for their quality and outcomes focus.

### **About Mission Hospital Laguna Beach**

Mission Hospital Laguna Beach, formerly South Coast Medical Center, is a 208-bed acute care facility serving south Orange County's coastal communities. Located in Laguna Beach, healthcare services include 24-hour emergency, intensive and medical-surgical care as well as behavioral health and chemical dependency. Mission Hospital Laguna Beach is part of the Mission Hospital not-for-profit family and a member of the St. Joseph Health System.

### **About Mission Hospital**

Mission Hospital is a 301-bed acute care, full-service facility serving all of south Orange County and houses the region's designated trauma center, one of only three in the county. Located in Mission Viejo, Mission Hospital offers a complete array of top-quality healthcare services including *Mission Regional Trauma Center* and 24-hour emergency care; *Mission Imaging Center* offering the most advanced diagnostic care, *Mission Heart Center* providing cardiac rehabilitation and chest pain center; *Mission Stroke Center*, offering the region's most comprehensive neurological care as South County's designated neuro-stroke receiving center; *Mission Maternity Center* including special care for high risk pregnancy; and *Mission Women's Wellness Center* offering comprehensive breast, heart and pelvic care. Mission Hospital also offers the highest level of care in orthopedics, rehabilitation, cancer, spine and vascular services. A member of the St. Joseph Health System, the hospital is one of 14 not-for-profit hospitals sponsored by the St. Joseph Health Ministry. CHOC Children's at Mission Hospital, a separately licensed pediatric hospital representing a unique partnership with Mission Hospital and Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC), is located on the top floor of Mission Hospital's patient tower. For more information, visit [mission4health.com](http://mission4health.com).

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