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Lorrie Mortensen RN Joins North Hawaii Community Hospital as the Vice President, Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer

North Hawaii Community Hospital (NHCH) welcomes Lorrie Mortensen as Vice President of Patient Care Services. Ms. Mortensen will also serve in the capacity of Chief Nursing Officer, the Hospital's top nursing leader. "We are delighted to welcome Lorrie to our management team. She brings to us a wealth of knowledge from her extensive nursing career and master's level training in business administration," said John White, President and CEO of NHCH. "Her talents, particularly those developed during her tenure with PeaceHealth on the rural Alaskan island of Ketchikan, will help us to continue to build on the high standards of patient service and quality care already established here. Our nurses are exceptional and we needed to hire an exceptional leader to work with them. Lorrie is that person."

Most recently, Ms. Mortensen served as Chief Nursing Officer of Borgess-Lee Memorial Hospital in Dowagiac, Michigan, where she was responsible for planning, coordinating, implementing and administering all nursing and patient care service activities. Prior to this role, Mortensen held the positions of Chief Nursing Officer with Community Health Systems/Alta Regional Hospital in Las Vegas, New Mexico, and VP Patient Care Services and Risk Manager for PeaceHealth/Ketchikan General Hospital in Ketchikan, Alaska. She is a member of the American Organization of Nurse Executives, the Michigan Organization of Nurse Executives, and Sigma Theta Tau International, the Honor Society of Nursing.

Mortensen received a Bachelor of Science in Business Management, as well as a Master of Science in Nursing and Master of Business Administration/Health Care Management, from University of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona.

North Hawaii Community Hospital (NHCH) is a rural 39 bed acute care hospital located in Kamuela, on the Big Island of Hawaii. Non-profit, community owned and locally governed, the hospital opened in May 1996 and cares for residents and visitors of the Big Island. Allopathic and complementary medicine are carefully combined with the natural environment of Hawaii in a beautiful, state of the art facility in a concept called "blended medicine". NHCH offers an extensive set of hospital services that are centered on patient needs, creating a healing experience for the whole person – mind, body and spirit – in the context of family, culture, and community.