

**ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL CEO NAMED BOARD SECRETARY OF HOSPITAL  
ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**Larry Ainsworth Named Secretary of Group that Serves 166 California Hospitals**

**ORANGE, Calif. (February 00, 2007)** – St. Joseph Hospital President/CEO Larry Ainsworth has been named Secretary of the Board of Directors of the 166-member Hospital Association of Southern California (HASC).

Founded in 1923, HASC is a non-profit trade organization that serves to provide the political, economic, informational and educational needs of its member hospitals as they collaborate to improve the quality and accessibility of health services.

HASC is comprised of 166 hospitals from six counties: Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara and Ventura.

“It is truly an honor to work with the distinctive leadership of the Southern California hospital members who comprise HASC,” said Ainsworth. “Our primary goal is to improve and ensure quality in the delivery and accessibility of health care services to the communities we serve.”

Before joining St. Joseph Hospital, Ainsworth held the position of Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian in Newport Beach, California. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from Brigham Young University where he also completed a Masters of Public Administration degree with specialization in Health Services and Finance.

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