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### **AnMed Health announces new titles for four leaders**

*Changes reflect significant organizational growth, changing environment*

(Anderson, S.C. – April 29, 2013) – AnMed Health is pleased to announce new roles for four leaders within the organization -- Garrick Chidester, Lynn Gregory, Tina Jury and Kathy Deloplaine -- effective May 1. The title changes are a reflection of increased responsibilities assumed as a result of significant organizational changes over the past three years.

**Garrick Chidester** has been named executive vice president for network operations and affiliated services. Chidester was hired in 1984 and has served as vice president for network operations and business development since 1999. He is a 1980 graduate of West Virginia University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree. In 1983, he completed a Master of Health Administration from Washington University School of Medicine.

In addition to overseeing the AnMed Health Physician Network, Chidester is responsible for physician recruitment, rehabilitation services and cancer services at AnMed Health. He also coordinated the efforts to form several successful joint ventures and management affiliations with two community hospitals.

**Lynn Gregory** has been named assistant vice president for physician network services. Gregory was hired in 1998 as director of physician network services.

Gregory has been instrumental in the development of the health system's network of physician offices, surgery centers and affiliated hospitals. Since 2010, AnMed Health has added 22 physician practices to the AnMed Health Physician Network and transitioned an ambulatory surgery center from joint to full ownership. The Physician Network currently includes 43 practices, 101 physicians and about 500 employees. Continued growth is anticipated.

**Tina Jury** has been named executive vice president for patient care services. Jury was hired in 2005 as director of medical surgical specialties and has served as vice president for patient care services and chief nursing officer since 2007. She is a 1982 graduate of Eastern Kentucky University, where she earned a

Bachelor of Science degree in nursing. In 1996, she completed a Master of Science in nursing from Bellarmine College.

Jury has responsibility for all aspects of nursing care at AnMed Health, including the health system's Level II trauma center and emergency department. Under Jury's leadership, the role of nursing has expanded to include greater involvement in research, governance and decision-making. Nurses are empowered to conduct research studies to improve outcomes in their daily work, strengthening the focus on evidence-based practice. Jury has also encouraged nurses at AnMed Health to seek out advanced degrees and certification. By 2011, 15 percent of nurses had earned certification in their area of expertise, translating into more skilled nurses and better care for patients. The results of these efforts were recognized recently when AnMed Health became the third health system in South Carolina to receive Magnet designation from the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), an honor held by only 6 percent of hospitals nationwide.

**Kathy Deloplaine** has been named assistant vice president for cardiovascular services. Deloplaine was hired in 2008 as director of cardiovascular services and has served as senior director of cardiovascular services since November 2012.

Over the past five years, Deloplaine has worked with AnMed Health physicians to coordinate significant growth of the cardiovascular service line. In 2009, she helped lead a major renovation project which brought all cardiovascular treatment areas into closer proximity for improved patient care. The renovations also included upgrades to technology and capabilities in the Heart and Vascular Center's four state-of-the-art catheterization labs. Further upgrades to the electrophysiology lab followed in 2012 with the addition of robotic technology. With the strong support and partnership of AnMed Health's dedicated medical staff, Deloplaine has ensured consistently strong cardiac clinical outcomes, most notably related to heart attack treatment times. In addition, with her leadership, AnMed Health has employed physicians in vascular medicine, cardiovascular surgery, cardiology and electrophysiology.

"As the healthcare environment continues to change, it is increasingly important that health systems grow and evolve to meet the needs of their communities," said AnMed Health CEO John Miller. "Each of these leaders has and will continue to play an important role in our efforts to respond to these changes while continuing our mission of making the highest quality health care available locally."

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