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### **Southwest Health System Names Karen Labonte CNO**

Plano, Texas – December 19, 2018 – The Southwest Health System Board of Directors, along with Community Hospital Consulting, has named Karen Labonte, M.S.N., as Chief Nursing Officer of Southwest Health System. She officially joined the hospital leadership team on December 3, 2018.

Southwest Health System, Cortez, Colo., includes Southwest Memorial Hospital, a critical access hospital, and 10 primary care and specialty clinics. Southwest Health System has served the Four Corners U.S. region—where Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and UTAH meet—for more than a century.

Prior to Labonte's new role at Southwest Health System, she served for nearly seven years at Northwest Health System in Springdale, Arkansas, as their Chief Nursing Officer and more recently as their Market Chief Nursing Officer responsible for five system facilities within Norwest Arkansas.

She holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Maine in Fort Kent, and a Master's of Science in Nursing from Benedictine University, Lisle, Ill.

### **About Southwest Health System**

Southwest Health System, Cortez, Colo., includes Southwest Memorial Hospital, a critical access hospital, and 6 primary care and specialty clinics. Southwest Health System offers the latest in medical and surgical technology, emergency care, and a vast array of outpatient medical and wellness services. SHS's mission is to provide the highest quality health care to our community by bringing excellence, value and service together to promote, improve and restore health.

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