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JPS President and CEO Robert Earley to Retire

Nationally Recognized Healthcare Leader's Tenure Leaves Tarrant County's Health Network in Strong Position for Growth, Service to Community

November 2, 2021; Fort Worth, Texas — After 13 years at the helm of Tarrant County's expansive and publicly-supported healthcare network, president and Chief Executive Officer Robert Earley has announced he will retire in March of 2022.

In a personal video message to the 7,200 JPS team members, Earley told his staff that the progress they have made together in improving the health of their patients through compassionate care and improved services leaves a lasting legacy for not just him, but the entire community.

"About nine months ago, my father was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. The very next day, my mom fell down and broke her hip," said Earley in the video. "I now need to give 100 percent to my parents. I want to be the son to them, as they were the parents to me."

Under Earley's leadership, JPS Health Network has flourished with the county's only Level I Trauma Center and Psychiatric Emergency Center, and expanded and upgraded services including outpatient behavioral health offerings, telehealth, mobile street medicine, residency and fellowship programs that lead the nation, and a long list of local and national honors for the quality of care and service to the community.

The JPS Board of Managers is expected to announce the start of a nationwide search for the next president and CEO. Incoming board president and community leader Dorothy DeBose said, "It is with sadness in our hearts that we support Robert Earley in retiring as CEO. JPS has had a wonderful experience under his leadership, and we will miss our treasure."

About JPS Health Network:

The Tarrant County Hospital District, known as JPS Health Network, is a tax-supported organization serving the healthcare needs of families in Tarrant County. Home to Tarrant County's only Level I Trauma Center, JPS provides adult inpatient care at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas and offers comprehensive services including primary care, behavioral health, and pharmacy at more than 25 community locations. JPS Health Network is governed by an 11-member Board of Managers, whose members are appointed by the Tarrant County Commissioners Court.

JPS was named the Best Hospital for America by *Washington Monthly* magazine and the Lown Institute in 2020, and Outstanding Healthcare System by D CEO Magazine.

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