



**MEDIA ALERT:**

**NORTH COUNTRY HEALTHCARE ANNOUNCES LEADERSHIP TRANSITION**

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*NCH Leadership Transition*

Littleton, NH; April 9, 2018 – The board of trustees of North Country Healthcare, Inc., has announced a leadership change in the executive team for the system.

Edward L. Duffy, MD, MBA, FACEP, senior vice president of medical affairs at Littleton Regional Healthcare and a trustee of North Country Healthcare, will serve as interim CEO as the leadership transition begins. Dr. Duffy brings over 25 years of clinical and healthcare management experience as well as experience in healthcare governance as a former Littleton Regional Healthcare board chair.

Warren West, MBA, FACHE, held the position since the five-partner health system was formed in 2015. “Warren was a key figure in the formation and early years of North Country Healthcare and we are grateful for his years of service,” said Mark Kelley, NCH Board chair. “We also appreciate Dr. Duffy’s willingness to step in at this critical juncture to help lead the organization during the leadership transition.”

The system leadership change at North Country has no impact on the operations of its affiliated organizations: Androscoggin Valley Hospital, Littleton Regional Healthcare, Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital, Weeks Medical Center and North Country Home Health and Hospice.

North Country Healthcare was formed to allow independently operated and self-governed health care providers in the North Country the opportunity to work together to improve quality, increase efficiencies and lower the cost of health care delivery in the region. Find out more at <http://www.wearench.org/>.

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**About North Country Healthcare**

North Country Healthcare is a non-profit affiliation of, now five medical facilities in the White Mountains Region of New Hampshire, including more than 300 physicians and medical providers at nine locations. This leading comprehensive healthcare network delivering integrated patient care through four community hospitals, critical care facilities, and medical labs, and now six home health services and hospice care and assisted living facilities. North Country Healthcare has a team of more than 1,400 physicians, specialists, and distinguished professionals committed to the health and well-being of the communities in which they serve.

**For more information**

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