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Baptist Health Announces Leadership Change for Western Region

FORT SMITH, Ark. – Harrison Dean, who has served Baptist Health for 37 years, and is currently Western Region president, has announced his plans to retire later this year.

"We knew that this time was coming for Harrison and we couldn't be more appreciative for his years of commitment to Baptist Health and for his service to western Arkansas and eastern Oklahoma," said Troy Wells, president and CEO of Baptist Health. "At the same time, we are thrilled to be adding a seasoned and proven leader to compliment the team that is in place in the Western Region."

Kim Miller will become president of the Baptist Health Western Region effective April 20. She most recently served as president and CEO of Beaver Dam Community Hospitals Inc. in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin.

Miller will oversee the system's hospitals in Fort Smith and Van Buren as well as affiliated physician clinics. Baptist Health's Western Region has approximately 1,600 employees.

"I'm very excited to be joining the Baptist Health family in Arkansas and getting to know the people in the River Valley," Miller said. "I believe our caregivers are our most valuable asset and I am looking forward to investing in this group of people and helping to provide River Valley residents the excellent patient care they deserve."

Miller has more than 40 years of health care experience, in addition to being a registered nurse and a board-certified fellow from the American College of Healthcare Executives. She received a master's degree in Business Administration from St. Francis University in Pennsylvania.

More information about Baptist Health's operations in western Arkansas and eastern Oklahoma can be found by visiting baptist-health.com.

Baptist Health is Arkansas' most comprehensive health care organization with more than 200 points of access that include 11 hospitals; urgent care centers; a senior living community and over 100 primary and specialty care clinics in Arkansas and eastern Oklahoma. The system additionally offers a college with studies in nursing and allied health; a graduate residency program; and access to virtual care anytime, anywhere. Baptist Health, as the largest not-for-profit health care organization based in Arkansas, provides care to patients wherever they are through the support of approximately 11,000 employees, groundbreaking treatments, renowned physicians and community outreach programs. For more information about Baptist Health, visit baptist-health.com, call Baptist Health HealthLine at 1-888-BAPTIST or download the [myBaptistHealth app](#). Find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).