

NORTHERN NEVADA SIERRA MEDICAL CENTER ANNOUNCES NEW SENIOR LEADERS

Monday, Aug. 2, 2021 - Reno, Nev. - Northern Nevada Sierra Medical Center recently announced two new senior leaders to its team, Walter Ray III and Ryan Heit. The two leaders join Alan Olive, chief executive officer and Carla Adams, RN, BSN, MSN, chief nursing officer.

Walter Ray III, MBA, CPXP has a decorated background in healthcare leadership, including 15 years of acute care hospital operations and strategic development experience. He joins us from Trinity Health / Saint Agnes Medical Center in Fresno, Cali. where he served as the interim VP of ancillary and support services/chief operating officer. Walter's role involved leading the 436-bed community and academic teaching hospital's strategic development and performance improvement initiatives. In addition, Walter's prior roles include executive healthcare and strategic consulting and Dignity Health / Mercy Hospitals of Bakersfield's chief operating officer for nine years collectively. Walter earned his MBA from California State University, Bakersfield, is a Six Sigma Green Belt, certified patient experience professional, ACHE fellow and fluent in Spanish. Walter volunteers and supports the community in which he serves, including his time as a chairperson of his local March of Dimes chapter and venture crew chief for Boy Scouts of America.

Ryan Heit, MBA brings over 13 years of financial healthcare expertise to his new role as chief financial officer (CFO) at Sierra Medical Center. Ryan has served as the CFO at Northern Nevada Medical Center for the last eight years and has dedicated his time to supporting the System's growth and financial success. His role has involved growth planning, facility expansions including adding new service lines, management of financial staff, financial modeling and contract negotiations. Ryan's insightful leadership helped direct the acquisition of Quail Surgical and Pain Management, supported the opening of the area's first freestanding emergency department and his strategic guidance lead to improved financial metrics during COVID-19. Prior to joining NNMC, Ryan held finance leadership roles at The Camden Group in El Segundo, Cali., Denver Health and



Hospital Authority and more recently at other local health organizations. Ryan earned his MBA from the University of Nevada, Reno and currently serves on the Northern Nevada Health System and Quail Surgical board of governors.

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