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karen.martsolf@gjhosp.org***Community Hospital Hires New Chief Medical Officer**

Mesa County, CO - Community Hospital is pleased to announce Thomas Tobin, MD, MBA as the new Chief Medical Officer. Dr. Tobin earned his medical degree from Albany Medical College in Albany, New York in 2001 and holds a master's degree in business administration from the University of Tennessee. He trained in Emergency Medicine at University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Tobin replaces Donald Nicolay, MD, who served as Community Hospital's Chief Medical Officer for eight years prior to his retirement.

Most recently, Dr. Tobin served as President of TT Enterprises in Spokane, WA. TT Enterprises is a consulting firm which contracts with hospitals and group practices for emergency medicine locums. Dr. Tobin is a medical organizational leader and emergency physician acknowledged for consistent excellence in hospital and clinical leadership, hospital/medical center business consultation, medical operations planning, electronic medical records (EMR) system implementation, health care compliance and quality assurance, and rural health care delivery protocols.

"We are extremely excited to have Dr. Tobin join our team," said Chris Thomas, President and CEO for Community Hospital. "His level of expertise will prove invaluable as we work to move our organization forward. The hiring committee was incredibly impressed by Dr. Tobin's critical thinking skills and his strong understanding of the intersection between business operations and medicine," added Thomas. In addition to becoming the new Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Tobin will also be working clinically in the emergency department at Community Hospital.

Community Hospital has experienced exponential growth over the past five years with added services lines such as full spectrum medical and radiation oncology, labor and delivery, comprehensive orthopedics and sports medicine services and much more. Since opening the new hospital, now a Level III Trauma Center, patient volumes have increased over 40% and market share has nearly doubled.

"I am excited to join such a dynamic team and look forward to working with the staff to continue providing excellence in patient care and patient safety," said Dr. Tobin. "I am honored to be part of an organization that truly values high quality patient care and is committed to improving the health of our community," added Dr. Tobin.

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