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HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital Awarded 2015 Bronze Award for "Commitment to Excellence" from Illinois Performance Excellence

Peoria, Ill. – December 14, 2015 – Illinois Performance Excellence announces HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital of Effingham, IL is a recipient of the 2015 Bronze Award for "Commitment to Excellence" for demonstrating that senior leaders' actions guide and sustain the organization, and, the use of systematic approaches to improve key work processes.

"On behalf of the colleagues and Medical Staff of St. Anthony's, we are pleased to receive the 2015 Illinois Performance Excellence Bronze Award for Commitment to Excellence," said Theresa Rutherford, HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital President and CEO. "This award is a demonstration of our hospital's teamwork and journey in elevating the care we provide to those who entrust us with their care. It is an honor to be recognized for the promises made by our colleagues to provide patients exceptional care, quality, safety, and experience," she said. "We will use the report provided by Illinois Performance Excellence to elevate our practice and continue our performance improvement journey."

Recipients of the ILPEX Bronze Award go to those organizations which have demonstrated earnest efforts to adopt and apply continuous improvement principles, following the Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence.

Since 1875, HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital has provided for the health care needs of the residents of the Effingham community and the south-central region of Illinois. St. Anthony's is one of 14 hospitals in Hospital Sisters Health System (HSHS), a health care ministry with hospitals and multi-specialty medical groups in Illinois and Wisconsin. HSHS is sponsored by Hospital Sisters Ministries, and Hospital Sisters of St. Francis is the founding institute. St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital is a 133-bed licensed acute care facility, providing inpatient, ambulatory, home health and hospice, with more than 700 colleagues and over 70 physicians on its Medical Staff. St. Anthony's approach to health care combines its Core Values of Respect, Care, Competence and Joy with the most modern technologies available today. Being honored by Illinois Performance Excellence is an example of the continuous quality improvement undertaken by St. Anthony's, also seen in their movement towards becoming an Orthopedic Center of Excellence, enhancing patient safety and experience, and increasing engagement with colleagues and Medical Staff.

"A well-deserved congratulations to the HSHS St. Anthony's team as they have successfully demonstrated a strong desire for and commitment to excellence. They have shown their willingness to learn and excel on the very principals that make organizations great throughout this challenging journey," said David Boulay, Executive Director of Illinois Performance Excellence.

The 2015 Board of Examiners – comprised of 68 experts in business, education, health care and government – spent more than 2,000 hours assessing each applicant in seven categories: leadership; strategic planning; customer focus; measurement, analysis and knowledge management; workforce focus; operations focus; and results. The ILPEX Panel of Judges is responsible for validating the integrity of the ILPEX award process and determining recognition levels for each applicant. The panel is composed of experts selected from all industry sectors and represents various geographic areas of the state of Illinois.

Since 1994, there have been 260 applicants, approximately 1,500 examiners, representing nearly 150,000 hours of work, equivalent to appropriately 72 man-years of work and \$10 million in time --- all to provide improvement feedback to make Illinois organizations more competitive, ultimately saving jobs, improving communities and the lives of Illinois citizens. ILPEX delivers services through an annual evaluation process, training, self-assessments, conferences, seminars, webinars and direct partnering with individuals and organizations.

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